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No. 6434

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A Currency Scheme:

Some Points Dealt With

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Under the above heading a leader appeared in your issue of July 22, in which the actual difficulties in connection with the Chinese currency, are discussed and a new scheme proposed. Whilst the undersigned feels that thanks are due to you, Sir, for taking the initiative in proposing a way out, I too would like to make a number of suggestions, although I am the first to admit that my scheme is not a definite working plan. But this is not important as the question is far too complicated and intricate as to permit anyone from being able to develop a perfect plan with the first stroke of the pen. It suffices that one of Clemenceau's own sayings be taken as a basis; namely that "we add another stone to the large building of civilization."

In attempting to overcome existing difficulties, the economist as well as the businessman must keep to the established medical procedure in differentiating between prophylaxis, diagnosis and therapy. In the case of the Chinese currency, the prophylactic stage is already passed so that a diagnosis must be made prior to therapy being brought into action.

It is therefore wise, to attempt doing away with the present difficulties with which the Chinese currency is faced, by applying the same methods which have been used in similar cases in the past. In particular, the German example should be gone into and the question as to whether Herr Schacht's method of 1924 is applicable, should be asked. A rapid examination of facts reveals already that this is impossible, for two main reasons:

In the case of Germany, an inflation was caused by the large increase in the circulation of bank-notes for which no coverage existed whereas in the case of the Chinese dollar the reason is an unsatisfactory relation between offer and demand to which must be added the situation created as a result of the hostilities.

It therefore becomes necessary to seek another solution and in your leader a remarkable scheme is proposed in that the Shanghai Municipal Council would issue its own currency which would be attached either to the pound sterling or to the United States dollar. A Currency Commission Board would be responsible and the rate of issue would be fixed at 8½ pence the exchange rate being fixed at 8 pence. An example is given according to which a bank would pay £17,708.6/8 to the Commission and in exchange would receive $500,000. In the event that the bank-note circulation should become too large, these dollors could be exchanged into pounds sterling again and the bank would receive £16,666 13/4. You do not, of course, consider the rate of 8½ as essential.

I do not think that this scheme is practicable, at least in its present form, for, although it would be a considerable improvement over existing conditions by giving a stable basis to the business world, and by doing away with unofficial and wild speculation in foreign currencies it would not, in the long-run, be a remedy against existing deficiencies because the Gresham law, whereby the good money would always push aside the bad money, would be bound to set in.

The new currency notes would be withdrawn from circulation, everyone would hoard them and the exchange of the National currency notes against the new currency throughout China could not possibly be prevented. The new Shanghai notes would not be in circulation after a short time and the identical conditions prevailing at present would then set in again, only with the difference that instead of exclusive purchases of pounds sterling and United States dollars when conditions are unsettled being made, a wild chase for Shanghai notes would ensue. Apart from this, no mention has been made as to what would happen to the Chinese currency at present in circulation here and to what extent existing obligations would be influenced by the proposed new currency.

You, Sir, also fail to mention the newly-issued bank-notes of the Hua Hsing Bank. In referring to Hongkong as an example of the practicability of the proposed scheme, sight must not be lost of the fact that the Hongkong dollar was established at a time when the Chinese currency was stable and that Hongkong itself is a distinct centre, a part of the British economic field. It is for this reason that the Hongkong dollar remains unchanged and that in relation to the Chinese dollar it follows the pound sterling.

The recently published item in the "Chungking Joint Daily News" according to which the Chinese Government is contemplating a devaluation of its currency, must also be taken into consideration.

It is therefore necessary, either to alter the proposed scheme so as to do away with the disadvantages pointed out above or to study other proposals. The following thoughts therefore occur to me:

1.—The circulation of the new notes would be exclusively limited to Shanghai and all bank-notes would have to be stamped every three months to retain their validity.

2.—No actual bank-notes would be issued but rather a non-circulating ficticious dollar which would only figure on paper, but the value of which would be based on the pound sterling or the United States dollar would be created. Payments would thus be made in Chinese currency bank-notes. Such a currency would greatly facilitate things for the municipal administrations, industry and commerce but would create a rather embarrassing position for the retailer unless the latter is to remain unaffected by the proposed non-circulating currency.

At the time of writing, I see in today's issue of the "North-China Daily News" that the currency question is being dealt with in three articles. The "Journal de Shanghai" proposes that only the bank issuing the notes shall be permitted to exchange them, whereby the exchange would be controlled and its misuse prevented. In reading this, I believe that whilst the critical situation in which the Chinese currency actually finds itself could be averted in that only one or a limited number of banks would be permitted to exchange the new notes. This would be the beginning of exchange restrictions with which Germany has made none too good an experience.

Another idea put forward by your French contemporary is to submit the whole question to experts, an idea which I fully support and I suggest that the Commission in question be composed of theorists as well as practical men.

Your correspondent POLEGON in airing his views on the problem, sides with me in fearing that the introduction of a new currency is not as simple as it may appear at first sight. Indeed, he fears the effects of the Gresham law without mentioning it by name and for him the relations between supply and demand seem to be the most important. I must somewhat contradict him here in again giving an example of Germany. Imports and exports have been balanced against each other in Germany, but the foreign currency holdings remain far from satisfactory.

Moreover, the supply and demand is also influenced by other factors than foreign trade. It must also be considered that the influence of the above-mentioned circumstances on the relations of supply and demand, are quite different.

In my study of the grain prices in Germany, a study which extended over a period of ten years, I have found that the price movements are bound to the supply and demand in their regularity, as is indicated by the Englishman Tooke in his book "History of Prices" in which—although it was first published 150 years ago—he says that if the demand is 100 and the supply is also 100, then the price is equal to the primary cost for example 5. In the event however, that the demand is 100 and the supply is only 50, the price is not 10 but 20.

POLEGON's suggestion of a close study of imports and exports, is of course essential before the present financial chaos can be solved, but I believe that this alone would not be sufficient.

Your correspondent "S" in his examination of the currency question, sides with me in believing that the present devaluation of the Chinese dollar is not a sign of inflation but he believes that the metal reserve for the currency has been somewhat depleted as a result of hostilities. Like Ricardo, I believe that the material and idealistic possibility of any issuing bank to redeem its notes is of primary importance in a stable currency and that supply and demand, etc., is only important with regard to the rate of exchange. Whilst "S" desires a devaluation, he does not say how stability could be brought about by this method. Neither a devaluation nor a new currency is of any value unless stability is obtained.

In the above letter, several ideas have been presented. May a discussion for the benefit of the local currency situation ensue.

MAX KLESTADT.

Shanghai, July 25, 1939.

Alternative Suggestion

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I wish to congratulate you on having taken the initiative in bringing the currency situation to the attention of those least concerned, namely the Sterling and U.S. Dollar people on high.

Now one of your correspondents points out that the usual red tape difficulties very likely prevent a quick solution, along the lines you suggested (pegging to Sterling at around 8d.).

The other would sink some 30 million Sterling into what might become a bottomless pit, in order to help the Chinese dollar find its "natural level," somewhere amongst the pence or farthings.

In view of these difficulties and improbabilities, why not cut the Gordian knot, and revert to a simple and natural silver currency? For decades this country and Shanghai have managed very well on this basis, before the introduction of "managed currency."

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On such a basis, Shanghai could confidently expect to weather this storm, as it has weathered so many before. On any other, I am afraid the gentleman from below will take the tardy one.

COMMONSENSE.

Shanghai, July 25.

The Rent Racket:

Tenants Unite to Fight

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The view held by PARVUS that a Tenants' Association is an extremely difficult task, is one in which the writer must now concur, at least, for the present.

While GARDEN BROOK, an obscure personality at best, could clearly see the great need for such an association, he had no detailed plans for the operation of this organization. It was hoped that the nucleus of the proposed association would be formed from amongst prominent citizens once the preliminary ground work had been completed, but alas, this did not materialize. Yet the conviction remains, that sooner or later a powerful association of tenants will be realized, and but for the sensational happenings of the past few weeks, bringing in its train breathlessness and uncertainty, it seems more than probable that the appeal of GARDEN BROOK might have met with more success.

There is in existence, however, amongst tenants of at least two apartment buildings, a unanimity that should make the Council of the League of Nations blush scarlet. A voluntary fund, for legally contesting the arbitrary action of the landlord in cancelling leases for the purpose of increasing rentals by substituting U.S. currency for local currency as is presently embodied in these leases, was subscribed a hundred per cent. in one apartment and eighty odd per cent. in the other at the end of three days. There is no doubt at all that the demand of the landlord for rent in gold dollars is being answered in these apartments with a strong chorus—powerful financially and morally. From a tenant's point of view this is satisfactory, but it is worse than useless to sit back complacently and admire the action of a small group; wake up and organize your apartment into a unit—do not wait on someone to make the first move. Is it too much to sacrifice a few evenings for an honourable fight against a foul robbery of the resident with his salary in local currency without exchange compensation?

PARVUS in his letter of July 17 says "To kick a man when he is down is no gain to any one." Yes, this is true, but to jump on a man and linger there until the victim is exhausted, goes beyond prayers and pity.

It is heartening indeed to recall that organizations bringing the greatest benefits to the greatest number have all had their beginnings in a very small way, as with Christ and His Twelve Officers. Therefore, to the citizens who meekly live more like mice than men, surely you must realize the gross injustice of a landlord demanding his rent in a currency foreign to the land in which we live?

When tenants comprehend the full implications of this rent racket and weld their colleagues into groups, then, and not before will it be possible to have that powerful association of tenants as before described by

GARDEN BROOK.

Shanghai, July 26.

Amherst River:

Don't We Have Fun?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Will you kindly allow the use of your columns to enable me to ask Mr. KOMOR not to be too quick in forwarding this proposed illuminated address to the Council because there is a very strong rumour round town that the Council propose permanently to flood the Western District as soon as a new motor lifeboat can be obtained from abroad, and it would seem appropriate to make the vote of thanks all embracing.

It is proposed, I understand, to station this lifeboat in the Yu Yuen Road Fire Station as it can be most easily launched into the water from that point.

Jessfield Road and Tifeng Road apparently will be the first areas to be kept flooded as this district now floods as soon as the weather forecast shows rain, and the flooded area will then be gradually extended.

I understand that this particular area will be known as "Little Venice," and among the amenities to be provided will be boys diving for coppers. The training for this industry was abruptly brought to an end by the shortage of metallic small currency but the proficiency shown prior to that was gradually approaching "Port Said Standard."

There is also strong rumour that the Whangpoo Ferry Co. have applied for an Inland Water Franchise so that Western District Residents will be put to no undue inconvenience.

MAMBA.

Shanghai, July 26.

Usage of Stamps:

Post Office Held Wrong

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

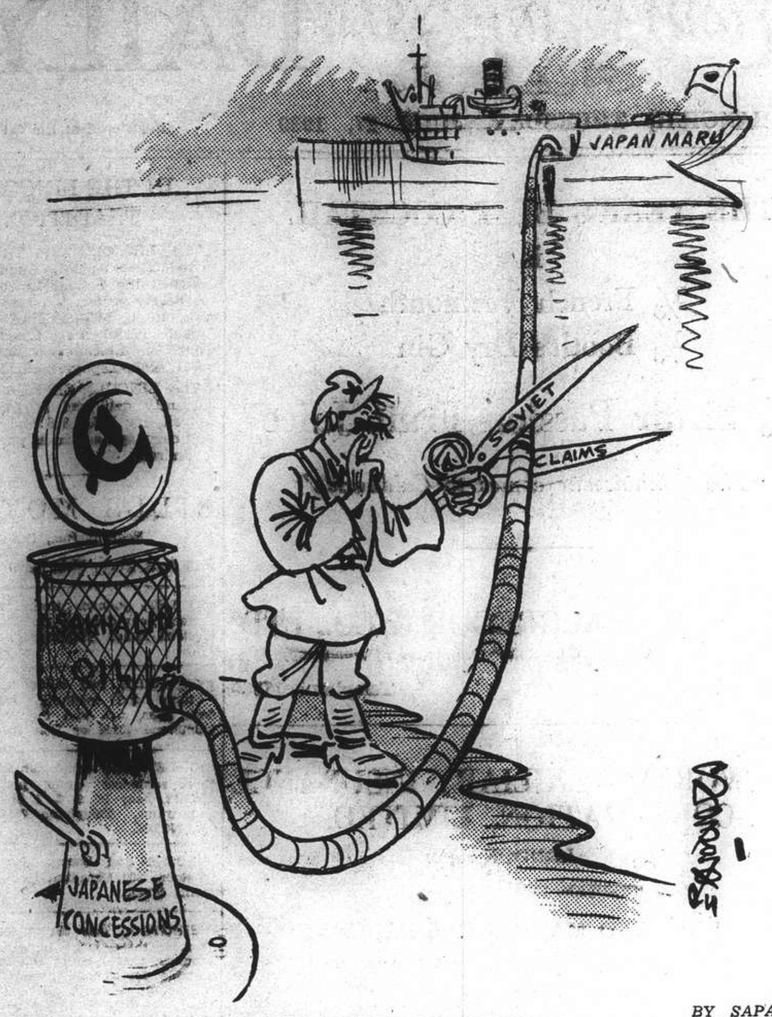
SIR,—I would be much obliged if you would allow me to express my opinion and give some remarks on CORRESPONDENT's letter of July 24.

In my opinion, the management of the Post Office had absolutely no right to refuse to accept the letter when full amount had been paid in stamps. We all know that at the present moment we experience acute shortage of copper coins and that stamps in their stead are circulated. Having a surplus of one-cent stamps, as evidently CORRESPONDENT had, I think it is reasonable to use such in payment for one's letter. If we will take into consideration the "fact" that we are wasting public funds, when we are using an excessive number of stamps and not reducing them to a minimum, or the energy of the "unfortunate" employee, who has to stamp five times instead of one, cannot we then say that CORRESPONDENT also "exerted" himself when he affixed ten stamps instead of one? Would he have wasted his energy and time if he had a ten-cent stamp in his possession? I doubt it very much.

In such a time as we are experiencing I think it is unreasonable for the Post Office to urge us to keep those rules that have been made useless by circumstances.

ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

Shanghai, July 26.



BY SAPAJOU

Another Major Operation?

WORLD RADIO

The following table shows the Shanghai times at which *news* is broadcast in the principal countries of the world, together with the wave-length and frequencies used. We shall be glad to receive comment or suggestions from listeners, which should be addressed or telephoned to the Radio Editor of the "North-China Daily News" (Tel. 11055).

PLACE	P.M. (SHAI. TIME)	METRES	CYCLES
London*	(Trans.2) 6.45-10.00	16.84	17.81
	(Trans.3) 10-12.15	16.84	17.81
	12.15 1 a.m.	16.86	17.79
Paris	7	19.68	15.25
Rome	5.30 9.30 12	25.40	11.81
	7	16.83	17.82
Berlin	3 8 10	16.89	19.63
San Fran.	8.30 10.30	31.48	9.53
Manila	6.30 11	31.35	9.57
Melbourne	5.15 8.30 9.20	31.32	9.58
Tokyo	1 2 3.30 4.30 10 11	25.42	11.80
Hongkong	1.30 9.15	31.49	9.52
Chungking	7.20 10	31.49	8.52

*Afternoon BBC Programme

6.45 Oratorio Programme: Our Father
8.00 "Paradise Isle," a musical picture of the South Seas
8.30 "Pygmalion," (Part 2) A romance
9.15 News
9.30 "World Affairs," talk
9.45 Sports news and markets
10.00 "Background to New Zealand Centenary" talks
10.15 "Lucky Dip," variety
11.00 "Rough Riding Up-to-date," from Aldershot
12.00 News

"LUCKY DIP"

In its twenty-six editions, "Lucky Dip," the Variety feature now being heard each week from Daventry, has brought to Broadcasting House as artists over twenty visitors from overseas and about 45,000 letters from listeners. The visitors—they have included representatives of South Africa, New Zealand, Ceylon, Nova Scotia, Sierra Leone, Mauritius, Tasmania, British Guiana, and Malaya—took part in the programme's feature, "Hands Across the Sea," and of the letters, no fewer than 40,172 were entries for another "Lucky Dip" speciality, "Listeners' Corner."

Songs, poems, and stories have reached William MacLurg, producer of the broadcast, from all over the world — so many have come from the Empire that one edition of "Listeners' Corner" consisted almost entirely of contributions from Malta, India, Australia, and South Africa. A poem by a nine-year-old boy of Jamaica had a worthy place in another programme.

Subjects for "Listeners' Corner" contributions are now set each week, and when, recently, contributions about "A Kangaroo" were invited, one listener responded with a knitted creation. The most unpopular entry so far received was a parcel stuck together with marmalade. Another would-be contributor called at the BBC's headquarters and asked whether he might discuss with MacLurg the forty songs he had with him, and one small boy travelled from Wales to deliver his entry—a song—by hand.

Perhaps the most striking tribute to the production was made in a letter that reached William MacLurg from a listener in Cheshire. He said:—

"I am being overwhelmed with congratulations for putting on such a good show as "Lucky Dip." It is now becoming embarrassing. Charabancs, etc., pull up at my house, containing crooners and guitar players demanding an audition. It's your fault. What can I do? Bet you thought you were the only Bill MacLurg. . . ."

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Holland to Strengthen East Indies Fleet

The Hague, July 26.

The strengthening of the naval forces in the Netherlands East Indies was part of the programme announced by Dr. Hendrijks Colijn, the Premier, when he introduced his new "business Cabinet" into the Lower House yesterday. A scheme for an extension of the fleet for this purpose will be submitted in September.—Reuter.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF JULY 27, 1869

From Amoy:—A private source of information has been received that on Saturday evening last, at seven o'clock, the American steamship Fung Shuey, while attempting to shift from her berth to the buoy of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co., in order to ensure quick despatch on the following morning, drifted on to some rocks situated on the west side of the Amoy harbour, and became a total wreck. The immediate cause of the disaster is reported to be the breaking of a line (hawser) made fast to H.M. Cockchafer. The ebb tide was flowing rather strong at the time, and in consequence of the above mentioned accident the vessel drifted on to the rocks. She was unfortunately not under steam at the time.

Kunming Overpopulated

Kunming, July 26.

Women and children, and all persons whose presence in the city is not essential, have been ordered to evacuate Kunming by the provincial Government authorities.

The authorities state that if their order is not complied with, force will be used.

Those persons remaining, according to the decree, must obtain residence permits from the provincial government.

According to the latest figures, the population of Kunming has risen from the pre-war level of 150,000 to over 200,000.—Reuter.

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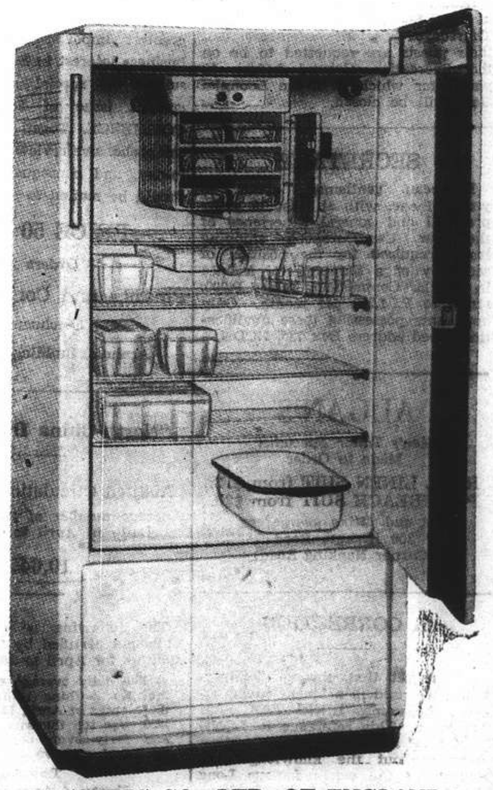

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Current Films

GRAND.—"Only Angels Have Wings."—A tiny tropical port at the foot of the mighty Andes is the colourful locale for the thrill-packed saga of the dare-devil pioneers who brought aviation to South America. Starring Cary Grant and Jean Arthur, with Thomas Mitchell, Rita Hayworth, and Richard Barthelmess. Opens today.

CATHAY.—"Some Like it Hot."—Tap-drunk demi-semi-quaverers on the spree in a fast-moving, toe-tingling swingsong that introduces in hilarious fashion America's "Jitterbug" craze, form the background for a red-hot behind-the-scenes romance. With Gene Krupa and his Orchestra, Bob Hope, Shirley Ross, Una Merkel and Rufe Davis. Reviewed elsewhere.

NANKING.—"Persons in Hiding."—The tale of a deadly, calculating charmer with a taste for expensive perfumes who made a killer out of a small time crook—taken from the No. 1 G-man's notes of his famous cases. With Lynne Overman, Patricia Morison, J. Carrol Naish, Helen Twelvetrees and William Frawley. Reviewed elsewhere.

PARIS.—"China Seas."—Love and peril aboard a liner when the elements go mad and human's madder in the China Seas. With Clark Gable, Jean Harlow, Wallace Beery, Lewis Stone and Rosalind Russell.

RIALTO.—"Dawn Patrol."—Tells in grippingly dramatic sequences the deathless story of the part played by the new young lads of the Royal Flying Corps in the Great War. A superb cast headed by Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone, David Niven, Donald Crisp, Melville Cooper and Douglas Fitzgerald.

CAPITOL.—"Charlie Chan In Honolulu."—Mystery murder, melodrama, comedy, suspense, surprise and excitement in generous doses make this the best Charlie Chan film to date. And then there is the flawless performance of Sidney Toler in the title role. With Phyllis Brooks, Sen Yung, Eddie Collins, John King and Claire Dodd.

GOLDEN GATE.—"Always in Trouble."—Tired of the antics of her rich relatives, little Jane has an idea that a dose of hardship might do them good—and proceeds to administer same. With Jane Withers, Jean Rogers, Arthur Treacher, Robert Kellard and Eddie Collins.

ASTOR.—"Rainbow on the River."—Bobby Breen's most wonderful picture, packed with song hits including the "Flower Song" and Rainbow on the River," with May Robson, Charles Butterworth and the Hall-Johnson Choir.

UPTOWN.—"Farewell Again."—With Leslie Banks, Flora Robson and Patricia Hilliard. Six people with six hours to do all the things they long to do, to get all the things one spends a life-time getting.

Films Coming

"One Third of a Nation."—Suggested by President Roosevelt's: "I find one third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad and ill-nourished," this gripping tale of New York's tenements has a highly thrilling and spectacular denouement taken straight from life. Starring Sylvia Sidney, Leif Erikson, with Myron McCormick, Hiram Sherman and Sidney Lumet. Coming next to **CATHAY.**

Ex-Champ."—Powerful human story of an ex-world champion heavy-weight turned trainer who finds himself faced with the necessity of sacrificing his fighter and his own honesty to save the reputation of his son. With Victor McLaglen, Tom Brown, Nan Grey, Constance Moore, William Frawley, Donald Briggs and Samuel S. Hinds. Coming next to **NANKING.**

"Wife, Husband and Friend."—Gay and unusual story of a couple of would-be songbirds, the "wife" and "husband" of the title, who go on adoring each other—and say it with socks—through all sorts of romantic entanglements. With Loretta Young, Warner Baxter, Binnie Barnes, Cesar Romero, George Barbier, J. Edward Bromberg and Eugene Pallette. Soon at the **GRAND.**

"Flight to Fame."—Crashing aeroplanes that flame earthward after contact with a newly invented "death ray" highlight a swift tale that blends murder, mystery and revenge with an appealing love romance. With Charles Farrell, Jacqueline Wells, Alexander D'Arcy, Jason Robarts, Frederick Burton and Reed Howes. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

"The Lady's from Kentucky."—Romance blossoms when a dyed-in-the-wool gambler acquires a half share in a horse with the prettiest girl in Kentucky and learns that there are far more thrilling angles to the Sport of Kings than just picking winners on the racetrack. With George Raft, Ellen Drew, Hugh Herbert, Zasu Pitts, Louise Beavers and Lew Payton. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"Captain Fury."—Stirring, action-packed tale of the bad old convict days in Australia, depicting in colourful style the fight between settlers and stick-at-nothing landgrabbers who bent all their efforts towards despoiling them. With Brian Aherne, Victor McLaglen, June Lang, John Carradine, Paul Lukas, George Zucco, Douglas Dumbrille and Virginia Field. Coming to the **GRAND.**

"Spring Madness."—A gay, glamorous, fast-moving, colourful tale of college love that hits the rocks and then rebounds with hilarious results; the screen version of a highly successful stage play. With Maureen O'Sullivan, Lew Ayres, Ruth Hussey, Burgess Meredith, Ann Morriss and Joyce Compton. Coming to the **NANKING.**

"On Trial."—Mystery, pathos and stark drama highlight the screen version of Elmer Rice's famous stage-play of the man who killed and fought for the right to pay the penalty for his crime. With Margaret Lindsay, John Litel, Edward Norris, Janet Chapman, James Stephenson, Nedda Harrigan and Larry Williams. Coming to the **CATHAY.**

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DEL MONTE.—Cabaret. Alabido's orchestra. Floorshow—Three Largos, and Nick and Nora.

FARREN'S.—Chu Niu Lai Acrobats, Bonavita, Bert Nik and Kassakova.

GAIETY.—Night club. Bob and his five Bandstars. Russian and foreign cuisine.

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ROVERE's COTTAGE.—French and Italian cuisine.

Search for a girl "voice appeal" had ended at Paramount studio recently with the signing of Osa Massen for a leading role in "Are Husbands Necessary?". The picture has Fred MacMurray and Madeleine Carroll in the starring roles.

FROM SHANGHAI FOOTLIGHTS AND FILMS

"Only Angels Have Wings"

Acclaimed by most American and British reviewers as a 4-star film, the Grand presents this aviation thriller, starring Cary Grant and Jean Arthur, supported by Thomas Mitchell and Rita Hayworth.

"Some Like it Hot"

This, the first musicale Shanghai has seen in some time, is at the Cathay Theatre today, picturing the growth of fast dancing—in the cast are Bob Hope, Shirley Ross, Una Merkel and Rufe Davis.

British Cinema News Items

Mr. Korda Not to Direct His Wife in "Manon Lescaut"; Charles Laughton's New Picture

FOR the moment there is no such person as Merle Oberon. She is Mrs. Korda, domestically busy wife of a busy man. Very soon Merle Oberon will come to life again when she starts her next film, "Manon Lescaut." The newly-weds are living in the bride's house at York-terrace, Regent's Park. The Korda mansion in St. John's Wood is closed up, writes Stephen Watts in the "Sunday Express."

Each morning soon after seven Korda sets out for the studio. He is often late home for dinner at eight. He eats lunch from a tray on his desk with a conference going on. The new Mrs. Korda never goes to the studio. No, that's not quite accurate. She has been there twice.

Once to collect an agent's list of houses to let in the vicinity. The other time she dropped in to pick up her husband and take him home. To see her sitting reading a book on the studio lawn while waiting for him nobody would have guessed her to be a star herself.

The Kordas want a house within easy reach of the studio. When they have found it they will both sell their London homes and settle down in the country.

Korda's intention was to direct his wife in "Manon Lescaut," but now he has decided it won't be possible, so he is engaging a Hollywood top-flight director for the job.

At present he is up to the eyes in the biggest production of his life—and his life hasn't been short of big productions. The task in hand is "The Thief of Baghdad."

"Ex-Champ"

Coming soon to the Nanking are Tom Brown and Nan Grey.

Associated with Korda as producer and director is Dr. Ludwig Berger, who has a big Continental reputation. But the production is going on all the time in two parts. The second unit is working under Michael Powell, of "The Edge of the World" fame.

Powell lives in a caravan near the studio, and every morning gets up at five to see how the weather is for outdoor work.

Burning Up Electricity

Outdoor and indoor settings constructed at Denham are the biggest the studio has ever held. Just to give you an idea: one day recently on one set, 262 arc lamps blazed down (and up) on the Palace of Baghdad, burning enough electricity to light the whole of a town the size of Uxbridge or to light five liners the size of the new Mauretania.

Every department is tackling big jobs. In the make-up room it takes them four and a half hours to achieve the effect they want in making Mary Morris (the girl who made a hit in "Prison Without Bars") look like a metallic mechanic doll.

In the art department they have made a mechanical replica of the white stallion which appeared in "The Four Feathers." In "The Thief of Baghdad" you will see the stallion put together in six sections and then come to life!

June Duprez is loaded down with genuine and priceless antique Oriental jewellery. Sabu turns into a dog.

The most unusual film for a long time is promised.

When Charles Laughton sailed for America primarily to attend the New York opening of "Jamaica Inn," I said that he would probably go to Hollywood and make his first picture there in several years—"The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

Now I see Radio are announcing it is a fact—and naming it as one of their big ventures of the new production season.

Laughton's United States income tax difficulties have been straightened out now, making his Hollywood comeback possible.

The appeal board which heard his case in Washington ruled out the allegations that he had formed a company in England to act as what was delightfully described in legal language as "the agent and alter ego of the petitioner, that it served as a conduit or passageway for his Hollywood earnings to his London bank account."

Business Organization

The judge who gave the ruling in Laughton's favour said it was "a business organization, managed by business men and created for business reasons."

The basis of the case against the company was that it had lent Laughton (who held all but a few of the shares) some £20,000, in addition to his stipulated salary of £150 a week.

For the sale of Laughton's services to Hollywood studios, it was stated, the company received £56,000.

Another interesting revelation of the money side of being a star was that for "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" and "Marie Antoinette" (which, in the end, of course, he never made) Laughton received £33,000. For "Ruggles of Red Gap" he got £11,000. These amounts, of course, are after the deduction of American tax.

Talking of stars' taxes, the latest news in the case of Marlene Dietrich—you remember about her luggage being taken from the Normandie by Treasury officials just before it sailed from New York—is that the United States Government claim they are entitled to about £28,000 as tax on earnings from pictures she made in England.

Miss Dietrich made only one film in England—"Knight Without Amour." You can judge from that figure how staggering her gross salary was.

It was, I believe, in the vicinity of £90,000—or about £20,000 more than the entire cost of making the world-hit "Pygmalion."

French Club Dance

The floor show at the French Club on Saturday evening, should prove interesting and entertaining. Tutti Stern, well known to many members, will appear at the Club for the first time, dancing the tango "Jealousy" and also a speciality number "Grotesque." The team of Lotte Sommer and partner are making their first Shanghai appearance having recently been engaged in Vienna. They will execute a tap dance and their second number a valse. Senor Pasquala, well received on previous occasions, will give his interpretation of the dance of the Matador. An enjoyable evening is assured and members will do well to make reservations sufficiently early to ensure that arrangements for dinner, etc. are completed in good time.

Superb Acrobats

At Farrens, the Chu Niu Lai acrobats, a team of four, composed of two males and two girls, present nightly what many consider the best turn on a night club floor in years—some go so far as to style them, the muscular maniacs. A photograph would better illustrate their art, rather than the written word—they must be seen to be appreciated.

Bonavita, opera singer, who delighted Shanghai patrons of the Majestic ballroom ten years ago, has returned to the Orient and appears twice nightly at Farrens, in just as good voice as when here previously. Bert Nik, the one man show, and Galina Kassakova, classical danseuse, round out an excellent programme, which Alex Kahn and his orchestra support.

Home Town Pays Large Dividends

Many and devious are the methods by which unusual things are made to pay cash dividends in Hollywood, but Kay Van Riper from Winona, Minn., tops most of them for originality. She is cashing in on her home town. She writes about it for screen fiction, and calls it Carvel. It is the home town of the Judge Hardy family.

In recreating Winona in celluloid, Miss Van Riper found willing collaborators from studio colleagues. They remember incidents in their own lives, in their own home towns. The result has become a mythical Carvel, a cross section of all the small towns of America.

"The only explanation I can suggest for the success of the Hardy pictures," Miss Van Riper offered modestly, "is that people sympathize naturally with a family against the world. We ran into that when the pictures were first started.

"Everything that one of the characters does has been done somewhere by someone and brought to us a memory. The Hardys are human for that reason."

Another Ghost Goes West

There is an interesting announcement that Miss Margaret Sullavan will appear shortly in the film version of "The Canterville Ghost," a short story by Oscar Wilde. This is one of Wilde's characteristic combinations of farcical humour and sheer sentimentality. It tells how a rich American minister, Mr. Otis, buys an English castle haunted by the Canterville ghost. The ghost in its earth life murdered his wife and was so chained to the scene of his crime.

The hauntings which have gone on through many generations are the most horrible kind and many noble persons have been frightened to death. But the American family will have none of this. They refuse to take the ghost seriously. They arrange butter slides, and when he enters their bedroom at midnight to have horrible vengeance on his tormentors a jug of water falls from the top of the door and drenches him. Turnip spectres in dark passages terrify him.

But one member of the Otis family, the charming daughter, has a tender heart. She is as good as she is beautiful and is sorry for this poor ghost. Through her loving sympathy the Canterville spectre is finally laid to rest, but not before he has given the loving girl a magnificent present of jewellery as a wedding gift. Presumably the part of the girl will be played by Miss Sullavan. It will be seen that this is a variant on the idea of a British ghost bought by a rich American family, which was treated by René Clair in "The Ghost Goes West."

Duo Palotai

Those versatile dancers from Budapest, the Duo Palotai, who have been re-engaged by the Pelican management, are a pleasure indeed to watch in the air-cooled ballroom. Their rhythm is excellent, their mannerisms have a definite professional touch of long standing and they exude that pleasurable feeling that arouses sympathy with the spectators.

Geza and Gina, the two G-men, head the orchestra, supported by Schlittner (violin) and Bocharoff at the percussion instruments.

At the Organ

Tomorrow afternoon and until 8 p.m. Henry Francis Parks will hold forth at the Hammond organ at the Winter Garden and will play Beethoven melodies. These concerts are a regular daily, and Sunday feature, Thursdays excepted. Parks changes his programme each day. Wee Golf Bank Nights, which were a highly popular feature last summer, have been resumed and are held every Tuesday night. The Winter Garden offers indoor and outdoor dining, dancing and various enjoyable games.

"Persons in Hiding"

Based on the case-book of Edgar Hoover, chief of the F.I.B. in Washington, the Nanking Theatre presents this film today—with Lynne Overman, Patricia Morison, J. Carrol Naish and Helen Twelvetrees.

"Pinocchio" Nears Completion

Contains All Buoyancy Of Previous Productions; Actors to Speak Parts

Writers and artists, working under the direction of a man who usually needs a haircut, are taking the reform school tendencies out of the character of a little fellow named Pinocchio, writes Hubbard Keavy in the "Oregonian."

He is coming to life in cartoon fashion with all the buoyancy of the first two pigs, the misehievousness of Donald Duck and the unfailing humour of Walt Disney.

Therefore, he is in line for the popularity that the ideas and trademark of Disney (the barber's enemy) have given to similar figures of fable and fancy.

"We're getting it rounded out now," is the way Disney speaks today of his second feature. It was started, with a vague story idea and several hundred sketches, a couple of years ago when "Snow White" began to impress even the bankers from whom Disney had to borrow money to keep the doors open.

One Quarter Previewed

"Pinocchio," of course, is more than rounded out. It is almost finished and about one-fourth of it was previewed the other day for an audience of Disney employees. The

"One Third of a Nation"

Sylvia Sidney will be starred on the Cathay programme.

story is completed, but all of the animation has not been done because it has to be fitted to the dialogue and sound effects.

Walt and his merry men enjoyed the same problems (in the Disney plant everything is enjoyable) with this story they did in "Snow White"—mainly that of retaining the basic idea while inventing a new story and of giving every character, no matter how minor, a personality.

In the original, for example, the cricket was more or less incidental. In the Disney version, the cricket becomes Pinocchio's conscience.

"Boy, did we have fun with that," laughs Disney. "In order to make our hero boyish, we had to make him less of a brat. He is a brat, you know.

"But still he has to get into all kinds of trouble and so we have the cricket advising him. He doesn't always take the advice of his conscience and then, when he gets in a mess of some kind, he begs for help. Then it's too late for the cricket to do anything.

"I guess 'Pinocchio' sets a record for villains—there's five of 'em. Heck, we couldn't have that many heavies, so we make two of them, the fox and the cat, comedy villains. The fox is a slick guy, but funny.

"And the cat—well, I guess you'd call him sort of a stooge—a kind of 'Dopey-like' character."

The non-speaking Dopey, tailwagger of the dwarf parade, was the individual star of "Snow White." To hear some of the Disney folks tell about the cat, he's already wrapped up the picture and walked away with the raves and reviews.

Actors to Speak

An innovation, which Disney says he is sure will not destroy any of the illusion, is the use of recognizable voices. Nearly all of Hollywood's character voices not bound to Disney's competitors tried out for the dubious honour of working unseen. The "doubles" were paid their regular salaries, but they are not getting screen credit.

Walter Catlett, flippant comedian, doubles for the crafty fox, and Don Barclay, graduate of the English music halls, is the voice of the cat. The nasal twang of Cliff Edwards, nee Ukelele Ike, will give voice to the cricket. Christian Rub, Evelyn Venable and Young Dickie Jones, the latter as Pinocchio, are some of the other doubles.

The crowded studio where these cartoons are made resembles a factory, but you are there only a short while before you are aware of an unusual spirit: it's like that of the dwarfs, whose theme song was "Whistle While You Work."

"Smilin' Through"

One of the greater stars about whose future there is no little discussion in film circles is Norma Shearer. During her married life Miss Shearer was recognized as having one of the most solid leading positions in Hollywood. She was always well directed and her parts were always well chosen to suit her personality. But when Thalberg died it was even suggested that Norma Shearer would leave the screen altogether.

Nevertheless Miss Shearer's film career continues. It must be as difficult to leave the studio lamps as it is to leave the footlights. The chief appearaces of Miss Shearer since she became a widow have been in "Marie Antoinette" and "Idiot's Delight." In neither of these did she seem to be well suited. The blonde wig of the millionaire's mistress in "Idiot's Delight" seemed to be out of the Shearer tradition, and one felt that she needed the guiding hand of Irving Thalberg.

All sorts of rumours concerning her future are gathering about her, among them being one to the effect that she will appear before long with Noel Coward in a film play specially devised by him out of his stage productions, "Tonight at Eight-Thirty." If this rumour have any foundation, Noel Coward will make his second appearance on the screen. In "The Scoundrel" he showed that he was able to be a film actor as he appears to be able to do anything at which he sets his mind.

Certainly the names of Noel Coward and Norma Shearer should form a very strong box office attraction. This reminds one of one of Miss Shearer's greatest box office successes, "Smilin' Through," as the heroine of which she followed Norma Talmadge of the silent days. Now there is a talk of once more remaking this story as a "musical," with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in the chief parts.

Inevitable Stewart

Film actors have a way of rushing to the very front in an almost disconcerting manner. The news comes that James Stewart has now been made an official star, and, one might add, an over-worked one. His next picture will be "The Shop Around the Corner" in which he will be co-starred with Margaret Sullavan. It was with Miss Sullavan that he made one of his first hits in "Next Time We Live." This may be a good augury for his first appearance as an absolute star.

One is inclined to revert to Mr. Stewart because it is so difficult to avoid him, even if one wished to do so. His popularity must be beyond question. Producing companies judge an actor or actress by box office results, and this actor's elevation must be because films in which he has appeared have drawn in the money. No one would talk about his good looks, but he has an easy manner, and certain little tricks of humour which please. One may hope for his sake that his very rapid elevation will not be followed by one of those tragic declines, which mark a Hollywood player's diminishing financial returns.

George Formby

All the world loves a clown. He is popular on the stage, in the circus and on the screen. George Formby, a clown if ever there were one, is said to be the greatest native screen attraction in Great Britain. Some have called him the English Fernandel; others may call Fernandel the French Formby.

Formby's latest picture, "Trouble Brewing," has all the ingredients of successful clowning. He is a newspaper compositor turned amateur detective. In the chase of criminals he does all the foolishest things possible and raises slapstick to a controlled art. In his next picture, now in the making, "Come on, George," he will be the same foolish fellow who finds himself on a horse's back for the first time and unwittingly rides a winner. It is all clown's work.

Clowning is an art which oversteps national barriers. The clown is understood everywhere. Chaplin the greatest of all screen clowns, has had no need to speak. From East to West he has been understood and enjoyed. Pantomime is the clown's means of expression. Formby could be as dumb as he is "dumb" and be none the less Formby.

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Second Test Match Ends In Tame Draw

Len Hutton Completes 2,000 Runs for Season; West Indies Given Impossible Scoring Task

Manchester, July 25.

WITH more interruptions because of rain, the Second Test match between England and the West Indies ended here today in a tame draw. The scores at the close were: England—164 for seven, declared, and 128 for six, declared; West Indies—133 and 43 for four.

By scoring seventeen today, Len Hutton, the young Yorkshire record-breaker, completed 2,000 runs for the season. When England declared this afternoon, they left the West Indies only 70 minutes in which to score 160 runs for victory, and in attempting to force the pace the tourists lost four wickets cheaply, including that of Grant, who was dismissed off Bowes' first ball.

Detailed scores:

England—2nd Innings

Hutton, c. Sealey, b. Martindale	17
Fagg, b. Constantine	32
Paynter, c. Gomez, b. Martindale	0
Hammond, b. Constantine	32
Compton, not out	34
Hardstaff, c. Grant, b. Constantine	1
Wood, b. Constantine	0
Wright, not out	0
Extras	11
Total for six wkts. decl.	128

Fall of wickets:—26-1 (Hutton); 30-(Paynter); 74-3 (Fagg); 89-4 (Hammond); 113-5 (Compton); 126-6 (Wood).

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Martindale	12	2	34	2
Hylton	6	1	16	0
Williams	9	1	23	0
Constantine	11	1	42	4

West Indies—2nd Innings

Grant, c. Hardstaff, b. Bowes	0
Stollmeyer, b. Wright	10
Headley, c. Hammond, b. Copson	5
Gomez, b. Goddard	11
Sealey, not out	13
Extras	4
Total for four wickets	43

Fall of wickets:—0-1 (Grant); 11-2 (Headley); 27-3 (Stollmeyer); 43-4 (Gomez).

Bowling

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowes	5	0	13	1
Copson	3	1	2	1
Goddard	4.6	1	15	1
Wright	3	0	9	1

—Reuter.

King Watches Play

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, July 25.

His Majesty the King this afternoon watched the West Indies XI play against Surrey, at the Oval.—Reuter.

French Club Beat Columbians

Carson and Smith Only Winners on Losing Side In Tennis Tilt

As the grounds at the Race Course and the Country Club were closed to sports, only one senior match in the Shanghai Lawn Tennis League was played yesterday when the Cercle Sportif Francais made a successful trip to the Columbia Country Club by scoring a victory of 12 to 3.

The Frenchmen lost the first doubles but won all the remaining four to emerge easy victors. L. D. Carson and Maxey Smith still remained unbeaten in the competition as they took the measure of Segalen and Indrickson by 6-4, 6-4 and 6-2. The Americans proved much too strong and after taking the opening two sets by rather close scores walked away in the third.

The absence of C. C. Squires, who was indisposed, caused the loss of the second doubles in which F. F. Sullivan, partnered by Graham for the first time this season, failed to withstand the attack of John Berents and Rosenweig. The first set was extremely hard fought with the French pair winning by 12-10 but in the next two, the home couple lost by two 6-3 sets.

The third and fourth doubles were also hotly contested, J. O. Pote-Hunt and Grandberry fell victims at the hands of Jourdon and Klein by 6-8, 4-6 and 2-6 while Roy Squires and MacFayden were overcome by Krenov and Goulmy in three 6-4 sets. The fifth and last match saw Hale and Gilbert losing to Judah and Blum by 1-6, 2-6, 1-6.

Because most of the grounds were unplayable only two tussles were held in the Second Division. At the German Garden Club the second-stringers of the Police Recreation Club were heavily beaten by 14 to 1 while at the Swiss Club the home team took the measure of the Association Sportive Francais by 12 to 3.

Results were:—

G.G.C. 14, Police "B" 1

Schroeder and Berg beat Badar and Yorke by 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
Droesser and Schneider beat Reed and Petroff by 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.
Nimphius and Kraus beat Crawford and Bigg by 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
Meyer and Schultis beat Cady and Dalley by 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.
Heckle and Von Aster beat Stangaard and Pfoffershuk by 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

Swiss 12, A.S.F. 3

Mottu and Rojdesewsky lost to Edyacho and Slobochnikoff by 6-0, 3-6, 4-6.
Perkins and Getz beat Remon and Raymond by 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.
Duff and Pfanner beat Anyie and Berthelov by 6-2, 6-3, 6-7.
Lalie and Guenter beat Fable and Laugignon by 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.
Baxter and Fromer beat Bossuet and Tchakallan by 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, Myrtle; 2, Hei Jen Ya Rlao.
Also ran:—Simple Dale, Pearl's Fancy, Sam Holer, Dopey.
4 lengths.—Time, 18.2/5.
Win, $29.90. Forecast (2-4) Div. $76.90.
Place, 1st $16.90; 2nd $7.00.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Little Marquis; 2, Expansion.
Also ran:—Five Stars II, Saarland, Barney, Lohengrin.
5 lengths.—Time, 26.86.
Win, $15.00. Forecast (2-6) Div. $65.20.
Place, 1st $13.50; 2nd $14.80.
Double Event 1/2 (2-2) Div. $72.20.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, State Lottery; 2, Princeton.
Also ran:—Rio Princess, Careless Emma, Gator, Wild Wind.
4½ lengths.—Time, 30.89.
Win, $22.90. Forecast (4-2) Div. $189.40.
Place, 1st $10.40; 2nd $20.20.
Double Event 2/3 (2-4) Div. $27.40.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Woodstock Rose; 2, Jack O'Lantern.
Also ran:—Corinthian, Captain Drew, Diane, Full House.
A neck.—Time, 30.67.
Win, $9.20. Forecast (6-4) Div. $37.00.
Place, 1st $7.60; 2nd $12.70.
Double Event 3/4 (4-6) Div. $21.60.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Marietta; 2, Bowster Boy.
Also ran:—Lucita No, Short Stay, Chihli Black Knight, Pearl's Pride.
1 length.—Time, 30.17.
Win, $11.70. Forecast (5-3) Div. $46.40.
Place, 1st $7.80; 2nd $13.00.
Double Event 4/5 (6-5) Div. $9.10.

6—300 yd. flat.—1, Eumaeus; 2, Winsome Maid.
Also ran:—Feeling Fit, Ey Caballero, General.
Short head.—Time, 30.81.
Win, $36.70. Forecast (2-1) Div. $168.10.
Place, 1st $15.50; 2nd $10.30.
Double Event 5/6 (5-2) Div. $79.90.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Shenkoland II; 2, Master Bill.
Also ran:—Talisman, Triumphant Tom, Pearl's Pet, Sou Mei.
A neck.—Time, 30.71.
Win, $29.80. Forecast (3-5) Div. $118.00.
Place, 1st $10.50; 2nd $10.10.
Double Event 6/7 (2-3) Div. $260.80.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Lady's Man; 2, Royal China.
Also ran:—Nacturne, Chop Chop, Red Terror, Wild Rose.
1 length.—Time, 30.56.
Win, $32.70. Forecast (5-2) Div. $115.90.
Place, 1st $12.30; 2nd $9.40.
Double Event 7/8 (3-5) Div. $71.40.

9—500 yd. flat.—1 D.H., Theydon Bois and China Pearl.
Also ran:—O.I.C., Pearlman, Chekiang, Woodstock Matt.
Dead heat.—Time, 29.95.
Win, $24.60 and $10.70. Forecast (2-3 and 4-2) Div. $85.30 and $41.90.
Place, 1st $16.00; 2nd $10.80.
Double Event 8/9 (5-2 and 5-3) Div. $52.70 and $22.30.

10—525 yd. flat.—1, Tamerlane 2, Jimmy.
Also ran:—Big Shot, Whitey, Spermin Lecitin, Bella.
3½ lengths.—Time, 31.42.
Win, $13.70. Forecast (1-4) Div. $66.60.
Place, 1st $8.00; 2nd $11.50.
Double Event 9/10 (2-1 and 3-1) Div. $125.30 and $14.00.

Lucky Water Polo Win For Area Details

Man Scores for Opponents In Exciting Finish

Area Details scored a lucky victory over 'B' Company of the East Surrey Regiment, in the final of the water polo competition which was open to all companies of the British Forces stationed in Shanghai yesterday afternoon at the Tifeng Road Camp pool by a score of three-two.

The Londoners attacked for most of the game and had a clean lead of two goals at half-time. But the ultimate winners made full use of the breaks and scored two goals to put the two sides on even terms. Then came the fatal moment when with only two minutes to go one of the East Surrey defenders, Private Musk, had the misfortune of turning the ball into his own goal in an attempt to smother a shot directed by his opponent.

From the opening whistle the Surreys, possessing a more balanced team, immediately became the aggressors. The forwards moved much faster than their opponents and lost no time to harass the Area Details goalkeeper. Shots were directed from nearly all angles but none of the tries hit the target during the early stages of the play.

The Area Details team gradually struck form and managed to bring the ball over to the other side quite frequently and the contest grew even. However, the Surreys were intent upon jumping into leadership and after several fine plays succeeded in hanging up a pair of goals before the whistle for interval blasted.

Upon the resumption the Surreys again started out in winning form and it looked for a time as if they were going to runaway with the tussle. Area Details, however, never showed any signs of admitting defeat as the team fought doggedly and always tried for an opening. From one of the breakaways the Surreys defence was caught napping and the trailers countered their first goal with a fine angular shot.

Encouraged by the success, the ultimate victors began to play inpired water polo.

At the conclusion of the contest prizes were presented by Major-General F. Keith Simmons.

The teams were:—

Area Details:—Mesmer, Andrews, Sherfield, Evans, Sharpe, McBride, Ecclestone.

"B" Company East Surreys:—Donaldson, Musk, Siggin, Blazier, Alexander, Priest, Matthews.

Raging Favourite Wins Richmond Stakes

Easy Victory Scored by Knight's Caprice

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, July 25.

The hot favourite, Moradabad, won the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood today, beating Claudius by a neck in the six furlong race. Bladen was third, a further one and a half lengths behind.

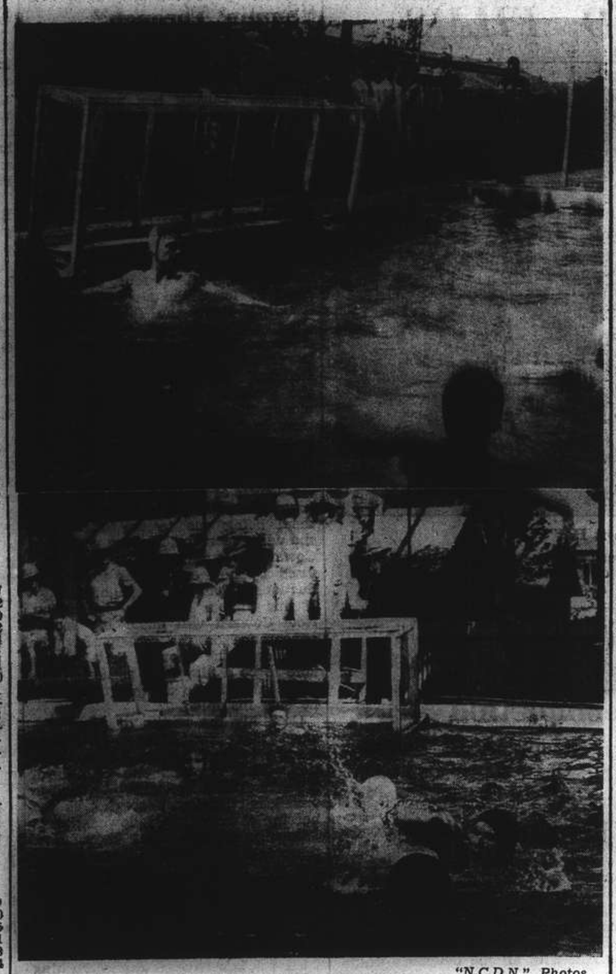
There were only eight starters. Moradabad started at 10-11, Claudius at 5-2, and Bladen at 20-1.

The main event today, the Stewards Cup, was won by Col. Clark's Knight's Caprice, an Irish horse.

The winner was particularly sprightly at the start, and its jockey, Canty, was so far in front that he was able to take his mount across to the favoured side of the course.

Knight's Caprice had drawn number three position near the stands, but he finished against the far rails, three lengths ahead of Fast Step, who beat Linklater by a head.

Neuvy, the favourite, started at 6-1 but was never prominent. The weather was fine and the going good.—Reuter.



"N.C.D.N." Photos.

British Army in Action

A tense finish was witnessed in the final of the inter-company water polo tournament yesterday when Area Details overcame a 2-0 lead held by their opponents of the East Surrey Regiment and finally won by 3-2 thanks to a "gift" goal. (see story).

Cricket Championship to Be Decided This Week-end

Shaforce Must Defeat Colts in Last Match to Overtake S.C.C. Nomads for Local League Title

IT is most uncommon when any sports league has to go to the final match of the season before the championship is decided, but such is the highly interesting position in the 1939 race for the Shanghai cricket title. Of the eight competing sides in the league, six have already concluded their engagements, while the final match of the league tournament will be played this Sunday on the Recs' ground between the powerful Shaforce XI and the S.R.C. Colts.

Whether or not the Colts succeed where all other sides have failed this year makes not the slightest difference to their own chances, as the title must go either to the S.C.C. Nomads or to Shaforce.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
S.C.C. Nomads	7	5	1	1	16
Shaforce	6	4	2	0	14
S.R.C. Tyros	7	3	1	3	10
S.C.C. Wanderers	7	2	2	3	9
S.R.C. Colts	7	2	2	3	9
S.C.C. Stragglers	6	2	2	2	8
Parsees	7	1	1	2	7
Police	7	1	0	6	3

With Shaforce needing an outright win to capture the championship, they can be relied upon to field their strongest team on Sunday afternoon and though the Colts, under the skilful leadership of Pat Madar, present a definite threat to the soldiers, the servicemen appear much stronger both in the attacking and scoring departments.

On Saturday afternoon, three friendly matches will be played. On their own ground, the Police meet an S.C.C. XI captained by P. V. Simpson, while in the S.C.C. enclosure, another S.C.C. XI will be hosts to the Seaforth Highlanders. Two Recs' sides, captained by N. Hart-Baker and A. W. Pettit, will engage each other on their own ground, the game being in the nature of a practice for the Knock-Out series which are to begin shortly, each team batting for 100 minutes only.

On Sunday on the S.C.C. ground, still another S.C.C. XI, this time led by D. W. Leach, will oppose the East Surrey Regiment in a friendly encounter.

Teams

Colts v. Shaforce (Recs' ground, 1.30 p.m. Sunday, July 30).
Colts:—P. Madar (Capt.), T. J. Allan, J. H. Anderson, D. J. Graybrook, A. F. Gomes, F. F. Kellner, A. A. Kliene, J. Leriou, H. P. Madar, L. Marcal, L. Quincey.
Reserves:—E. Harvey, A. England.
Scorer:—M. Johnston.
Umpire:—J. D. E. Shotter.
A. W. Pettit's XI v. N. Hart-Baker's XI (Recs' ground, 1.30 p.m. Saturday, July 29).
Pettit's XI:—A. W. Pettit (Capt.), G. Madar, S. F. Shroff, N. N. Mehta, P. R. Kermani, E. Weidman, J. R. MacDonald, R. Murray, W. E. Harvey, J. Davis, R. C. Veir.
Hart-Baker's XI:—N. Hart-Baker (Capt.), R. J. S. Brandt, A. Symons, E. Blackwood, K. M. Pate, E. B. Brodd, F. R. Kermani, R. F. Shroff, J. D. E. Shotter, E. Harvey, A. England.
Reserves:—M. Johnston, R. W. Slight.
Scorer:—M. Johnston.
An S.C.C. XI v. Police (Police ground, Saturday, 1.30 p.m. July 29).
S.C.C.:—P. V. Simpson (Capt.), G. T. Gambling, G. B. Elliot, J. H. Johns, J. C. Jenkins, J. R. Kale, F. E. T. Marshall, C. H. Mellor, A. C. Sinclair, W. E. Tingle, T. H. Wood.
Reserves:—A. P. T. Taylor-Gill, L. Underwood, L. Heap.
Umpire:—A. Lingard.
Scorer:—E. H. Anstice.
An S.C.C. XI v. Seaforth Highlanders (S.C.C. ground, 1.30 p.m. Saturday, July 29).
S.C.C.:—G. S. Dunkley (Capt.), R. Booth, A. V. T. Dean, H. A. Crickmer, A. Graham, H. F. B. Gardener, J. Larsen, F. J. Knightly, T. C. G. Pearson, R. F. Scott, J. Weaver.
Reserves:—J. D. Sayle, C. Woolhouse.
Umpire:—V. C. Olive.
An S.C.C. XI v. East Surrey Regiment (S.C.C. ground, 1.30 p.m. Sunday, July 30).
S.C.C.:—D. W. Leach (Capt.), P. G. Cantopher, F. R. L. Carey, J. Cornfield, M. E. Hewiett, T. C. G. Knight, T. S. E. McIntyre, H. E. Orr, A. G. Norman, F. Marshall, W. B. Sim.
Reserve:—L. G. Day.
Umpire:—H. A. Crickmer.
Scorer:—L. T. Lawrance.

Bowlers Dominate On Wet Wickets

Only Two Centuries Seen In First Class Cricket; Edrich Gets 125

London, July 25.

With bowlers dominating on wet wickets, the County Cricket Championship matches concluded today produced only two individual centuries.

The centurions were Gregory, who knocked up 108 not out for Surrey, and Edrich, who made 125 for Middlesex.

A very sporting game was witnessed at Llanelly, where Glamorgan and Warwick both made declarations in order to reach a definite result. The Welshmen won the match by three wickets.

Both teams declared at the identical total of 48 in the first innings and Warwick applied the closure again when their second innings had realized 197 for six. Glamorgan scored 200 for seven to win.

The only other Counties gaining outright wins were Worcester, who beat Northants by one wicket, and Leicester, who beat Hampshire by four wickets.

Details:

At Llanelly—Glamorgan beat Warwick by three wickets.
Warwick 48 for no wickets declared and 197 for six, declared.
Glamorgan 48 for 1 declared, and 200 for seven.
At Rushden—Worcester beat Northants by one wicket.
Northants 261 and 66 (Perks five for 25).
Worcester 227 and 102 for nine (Partridge five for 32).
At Blackheath—Surrey beat Kent on the first innings.
Surrey 231 (Parker 96) and 187 for eight (Gregory 108 not out, Lewis six for 49).
Kent 202 (Gover six for 53).
At Derby—Derbyshire beat Somerset on the first innings.
Derby 201 (Buse five for 75) and 77 for eight (Andrews five for 45).
Somerset 171 (George Pope five for 55; Mitchell five for 66).
At Bristol—Sussex beat Gloucester on the first innings.
Gloucester 96 (James Parks five for 27, Jas. Langridge five for 50) and 103 for seven.
Sussex 150 for seven declared (Sinfield five for 60).
At Leicester—Leicester beat Hampshire by four wickets.
Hampshire 193 and 79 for nine declared (Sperry seven for 19).
Leicester 157 (Bailey six for 72) and 116 for six.
At Sheffield—Yorkshire v. Notts drawn.
Notts 200.
Yorkshire 94 for three.
At Lord's—Middlesex v. Lancashire drawn.
Middlesex 334 for nine declared (Edrich 125).
Lancashire 74 for three.—Reuter.

Chilling Water, Rough Sea Ends Baltic Race

Swimmers Give Up After Long Struggle

Warnemuende, July 25.

The long-distance swimming race across the Baltic Sea from the Danish seaport of Gjedser to the German port of Warnemuende, came to a premature end this afternoon when Jenny Kammersgaard, the Danish swimmer, abandoned the race after being in the water for 19 hours.

Sally Bauer, the Swedish girl who was regarded as the favourite among the seven entrants, had abandoned the race two hours earlier. All the contestants complained of the exceptionally low temperature of the water and of rough seas.—Trans-Ocean.

Local Swimming Assoc. Meets

Dives to Be Simplified; Preparations Made for Championships

At a meeting of the Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association held yesterday evening at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. it was decided to amend the dives required for the local diving championships in order to give the younger divers a chance to participate, as past years have seen a limited entry of only a few of the best divers in town. Younger enthusiasts have been loath to go in as they have felt they could not compete in the more difficult dives.

There will be four set dives this year, including the forward header straight, half gayner straight, back somersault open, and half twist straight. Additional to the above will be four optional dives.

Considerable discussion marked this decision the amendment sportingly being brought up by G. J. Grilk, the local diving champion who said he felt that the field should be more open thereby enabling younger divers to gain experience for future contests.

The Honorary Secretary of the Association reported that no entries had been received yet for the four Shanghai swimming championships which are to be held on August 5 at the Cercle Sportif Gala. Entries for these championships will close at noon on Saturday July 29, and intending contestants are reminded to send in their names before that date.

The events for decision at the Shanghai championship gala are:

Ladies 50 yards breast stroke
Junior Boys 220 yards free style
Men's Diving
Men's 100 yards free style
Men's 150 yards backstroke

Probable Winner

In connection with these championships, it was noticed that Mrs. Johnston, who ran away with the majority of ladies championships last year is training for the swimming this season, and from a glance at her workouts at the Columbia Country Club pool, it appears that she will be well favoured to run off with practically every major trophy this season. Last year she won the ladies 50 yards breast stroke by a touch from Miss Vera Dodd, and as both these ladies are expected to enter for this event this season, another good contest is expected.

Correcting the statement made last week, it was learned that J. L. Lumsdaine the winner of last year's 100 yards Junior boys free style, is still 16 years of age and therefore still eligible for the junior championships this year. He will be entered for the Junior 220 yards free style on August 5, and is undoubtedly the favourite.

Of the diving contestants, G. J. Grilk is again favoured, with Petroff, a youngster of 16 from the Foreign Y.M.C.A. given a chance, while other entries will probably include W. Ward, and two of the best divers from the U.S. Marines. A. Gavriloff is favoured to win the 100 yards men's free style, and unless Archie Logan can reproduce the surprise he brought off last year, Gavriloff will doubtless do the trick this season. In the men's 150 yards backstroke the race will be between Archie Logan and Ernie Smith, both being well up in this event, and both being capable of breaking record time. Logan is slightly favoured, although Smith has come on well this season.

French Champion Still In the Lead

Belgian Aces Doing Well In "Tour de France"

Digne, July 25.

Cloarec, of France, won first place today in the 14th lap of the "Tour de France" bicycle marathon here which is half completed. Second was Passat and third Aureille, both also of France.

Meanwhile, Vietto, pedalling steadily, maintained his lead in the aggregate standings with a total time of 92 hours 27 minutes 25 seconds for the fourteen laps raced off.

Sylvere Maes is runner-up to the French champion. This Belgian bicycle ace has been timed at 92 hours 29 minutes 15 seconds. Vlaemynock, Belgium, is third with 92 hours 35 minutes 27 seconds.—Havas.

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Reds Way Ahead With Record Lead

Giants Win at Last to Regain Sixth Place

New York, July 26.

Bill McKechnie's Cincinnati Reds today held the longest July lead in the National League in five years while in the American League the New York Yankees found their lead shortened slightly.

While other teams were busy cutting each other throats, the Reds stretched their leadership to ten full games last night with a 2-1 victory over Boston.

Harry Craft's eighth homer of the season cleared the centre field fence in the seventh inning with Lee Gamble on second base and two men out. This blow erased a one run lead which the Bees had acquired on Crafts' error in the first half of the seventh.

Bucky Walters held the Bees to three hits and earned his sixteenth victory of the season. Bill Posedel yielded seven hits to the Reds but none but Craft's homer was effective.

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	4	10	0
Pittsburgh	5	10	1*
Batteries: Pearson, Mulcahy and Davis; Tobin Swell, Klinger and Berres.			
Brooklyn	8	14	0**
Chicago	6	7	2
Batteries: Hamlin, Evans, Hutchinson, Pressnell and Phelps, Hayworth, Root, Passeau, French, J. Russell and Hartnett.			
Brooklyn	3	10	0
Chicago	1	6	1
Batteries: Casey and Phelps; Page; French and Mancuso.			
New York	6	16	3†
St. Louis	3	10	0
Batteries: Hubbell and O'Dea; Cooper, McGee, Warneke, Shouwn and Owen.			
Boston	1	3	0‡
Cincinnati	2	7	0
Batteries: Posedel and Lopez; Walters and Lombardi.			
Chicago	2	8	0
Boston	3	12	2
Batteries: Knott, Brown and Tresh; Grove and Desautels.			

*—10 innings; **—Opener; †—13 innings; ‡—Nightt game.

American League

Chicago	5	9	1
Boston	6	14	2
Batteries: Marcum, Brown and Tresh, Schulueter; Galehouse, Heving and Dickman.			
Detroit	5	7	3
Washington	5	10	1
Batteries: Hutchinson and York; Leonard and Giuliani.			
Cleveland	12	22	2
Philadelphia	8	13	0
Batteries: Harder, Dobson; Sewell and Hemsley; Beckman, Joyce and Hayes.			
St. Louis	1	5	1
New York	5	7	0
Batteries: Harris, Miles and Glenn; Donald and Dickey.			

Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cincinnati	54	30	.643
St. Louis	44	40	.524
Pittsburgh	43	39	.524
Chicago	46	43	.517
Brooklyn	42	41	.506
New York	42	43	.494
Boston	41	44	.482
Philadelphia	24	56	.300

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	63	25	.716
Boston	54	30	.643
Chicago	49	39	.557
Cleveland	46	40	.535
Detroit	43	45	.489
Washington	37	54	.407
Philadelphia	33	53	.384
St. Louis	24	63	.276

—United Press.

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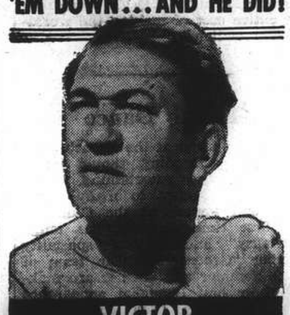

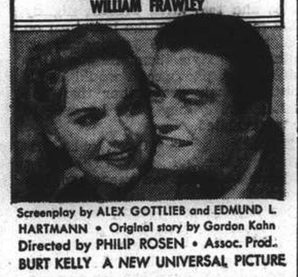

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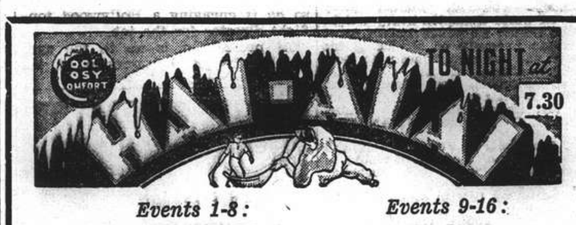

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P.W.D. Workers Released

Vehicles Still Detained; Negotiations Have Been Under Way for Month

Mr. Harry Rose, British Chief Inspector of the Public Works Department, S. M. C., his two foreign subordinates and some 100 truck-drivers and coolies, who were arrested on Monday afternoon by order of Mr. Fu Shiao-an, "Mayor" of the "Ta Tao" municipality, were released at noon yesterday although their 91 trucks have not been returned to the Council. It was presumed however that the vehicles will be returned sometime today.

The releases were made unconditionally, it was stated by a high official of the Public Works Department yesterday, who said that negotiations between the Council and the "Ta Tao" authorities for the disposal of the Settlement garbage have been going on for the past four weeks. These negotiations, it was stated, will be continued with a view of arriving at an agreement similar to the one which was effective between the Council and the City Government of Greater Shanghai prior to August 1937.

At the time of their arrest, the employees of the Council were proceeding to a low-lying tract of land along the Whangpoo which they had been asked to fill in by the Japanese Naval Landing Party.

No Interference in Past

"In the past" the official continued, "the authorities in control of the areas near the Settlement had given their permission for the filling-in of low-lying land designated by them."

Asked whether the authorities concerned were being paid a fee by the Council as was the case with the City Government of Greater Shanghai, the official stated that this was not so, but that negotiations are actually being conducted with a view to arriving at some satisfactory solution.

Incineration Impracticable

In commenting on the garbage disposal question in general, the official said that low-lying lands all over the world were being filled in with garbage. Amongst recent operations thus carried out, he mentioned the site of the New York World Fair, the present site of the Ford Motor Co.'s plant at Dagenham-on-Thames and many others, as engineering circles all over the world have come to adopt this method of disposal of garbage, in preference to incineration.

Asked whether incineration could not be resorted to here, the official indicated that this method was found to be impracticable in view of the fact that Shanghai refuse is searched for all combustible materials either by householders themselves or by beggars, prior to being thrown away. Furthermore, he added, this method was not being extensively used any more and quoted a statement made by the British Minister of Health in 1937, when the latter, in referring to garbage disposal said that past experience had shown the doubtful value of incinerations and made it doubtful as to whether the costly means of converting refuse into another state is as advisable as some well-meaning but dogmatic enthusiasts would believe.

In referring once more to the negotiations at present being conducted by the Council, the official emphasized that the present negotiations had been opened voluntarily by the Council without any request being received or pressure exerted by the "Ta Tao" authorities, so that the interruption in the Department's garbage disposal work, which was caused on Monday when the party was arrested, was absolutely unwarranted, all the more so as negotiations had never been broken off.

Asked whether the foreign and Chinese P. W. D. employees, who were released yesterday, were well treated whilst under arrest, the official said that he had not yet spoken to them about it but that he was aware of difficulties encountered when the P. W. D. sent food and supplies to them during their detention.

No Ill-Treatment

The unwilling guests of the "Ta Tao" municipality suffered no ill-treatment at the hands of their hosts, it was revealed last night. Food was adequate, albeit at times rather unsavoury and not on a par with home cooking. The three foreigners and the Chinese foreman were given beds to sleep in. The bed linen was not quite spotless, however, and consisted merely of rather suspicious looking quilts which displayed a tendency to get up and walk away unless held quite securely.

Lt.-Gen. Haining Ends Palestine Command

Army Council Sends Message Of Appreciation

London, July 25.

On the occasion of Lt.-General R. H. Haining relinquishing the command of the British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan, the Army Council has despatched to him a message expressing appreciation of the manner in which he and the forces under his command have handled the difficult situation.

The message refers to the important part the British troops have played in successfully curtailing the scope of disorders, which has necessitated continuous operations over a long period, and has involved a considerable degree of danger, discomfort and hardship, which has been cheerfully borne by officers and men alike.—Wireless through Reuter.

President Roosevelt Sets Domestic Silver Prices

Washington, July 25.

The United States Treasury's purchase price for domestically mined silver was fixed at 71.11 cents an ounce for silver mined after July 2 by a special proclamation of President Roosevelt today.

The Treasury's purchase price of silver mined prior to July 2 was fixed in the proclamation at 64.64 cents an ounce. This was necessitated by the wording of the new monetary bill.—United Press.

U.S. Consul to See the Rev. W. L. Holland

The American Consular authorities in Hankow will be given facilities for travel to interview the Rev. W. L. Holland in Nanchang, stated the Japanese army spokesman at yesterday's press conference. He observed that Lieut.-Col. Utsonomiya had called on Mr. C. E. Gauss, U.S. Consul-General, on Tuesday to discuss the affair and that he had assured Mr. Gauss that provisions for such a trip would be made.

Moscow Asks for Staff Talks

"Indirect Aggression" Item Alone Holding Up Political Agreement

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, July 26.

The Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" understands that the British Government has now agreed to a request from Moscow that staff talks should open between the two countries without waiting for details to be worked out of the projected three-Power treaty against aggression.

Staff officers representing all three services will probably be sent to Moscow in the very near future.

It has been suggested that General Edmund Ironside, Inspector-General of Overseas Forces, should head the British mission, but it is understood that so far there has been no decision on this point.

Optimism concerning the progress of the negotiations for an anti-aggression pact was expressed today by well-informed circles in Paris. It was stated in one quarter that there had been a "very clear advance."—Reuter.

Fresh Instructions Due

London, July 25.

Government quarters asserted today that the Anglo-French Soviet mutual aid pact was nearing conclusion, with tripartite military Staff parleys likely to be launched in Moscow within ten or twelve days.

Remaining to be solved now is only the question of defining the term "indirect aggression." M. Viacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, therefore advocated early Staff parleys before concluding political accords, when he last saw the British and French Ambassadors.

Both London and Paris have approved of the Soviet proposal and, provided that the two Cabinets ratify the Foreign Ministries' decisions, a French general, a British admiral and a representative of the air forces will shortly leave for Moscow. An announcement to this effect is expected in the House of Commons on Wednesday, July 26.

As regards political parleys, Government quarters said today that new instructions were being sent to Sir William Seeds, envoy in Moscow, suggesting a more elastic formula for definition of the tricky term "indirect aggression." This concession, together with Anglo-French agreement to initiate Staff talks, should induce the Soviets to adopt a less intransigent stand over the sole remaining point of negotiation, they said. The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Labour leader, this afternoon discussed the question of an accord with Soviet Russia, it was learned, and the greatest optimism prevailed in Labour quarters this evening.

Agreement Now Certain

London, July 26.

Several papers stated this morning that the tripartite defensive agreement between Britain, France, and Soviet Russia, would be concluded before the end of the week. "The agreement is now certain," the "Daily Express" asserted. "An announcement will be made in the House of Commons this week. Staff talks are to begin immediately."

The diplomatic editor of "The Times" stated that "the Government are trying fresh ways of easing the difficulties now jamming the Anglo-Franco-Soviet negotiations for a decisive pact. Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador in Moscow ought to receive new instructions today and then the whole problem is likely to be tackled from another angle. The proposed pact would have two parts, one political and one military, combining what the Russians term the 'organic politico-military whole.' So far, the emphasis of the negotiations has been solely on the political part, where an agreement has been reached on most points. As some points, however, are still outstanding, it has been suggested that military talks should be soon begun in order that both parts may come into force at the same time, which has been the Soviet desire from the beginning. Probably, the latest British instructions sent yesterday cover this point. If the precedents of the talks with Poland and Turkey are followed, a British military mission should go to Moscow, although no official announcement has yet been made. General Sir Edmund Ironside has had staff talks with Poland. In ordinary circumstances, he would be a good man for Moscow, but it might be held against him that he was with the British forces at Murmansk and Archangel during the 'trouble'. All that can be safely said yet is that if a mission is sent, an officer of high rank would lead it."—Havas.

Lord Sinha's Claim For Seat in Lords Granted

Indian Establishes Title As "Heir, Male"

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, July 25.

The House of Lords Committee of Privileges today announced as successful the claim to a seat in the House of Lords made by Lord Sinha an Indian, whose father was raised to the Peerage of the United Kingdom when he was Under Secretary of State for India in Mr. Lloyd George's Government.

Owing to the absence of birth certificates in India when the present Lord Sinha was born, difficulties had arisen in establishing that he was the "heir, male."—Reuter.

Scene "On Board" H.M.S. Daedalus

The wireless receiving room with naval ratings working the aircraft at Lee-on-Solent, headquarters of the Naval Air Arm. This station, with all other naval aerodromes, has been taken over by the Admiralty and has been given the name H.M.S. Daedalus.

Currency Project Said Impracticable

Mr. E. Kann Voices Views On Shanghai Currency Scheme; Many Obstacles

Whilst stressing the need for a reliable and stable currency for China, Mr. E. Kann, well-known financial expert when interviewed by the "North-China Daily News" yesterday expressed the opinion that under prevailing conditions, the projected issue of a Shanghai currency by the Shanghai Municipal Council is not capable of realization. He furthermore expressed the fear, that the value of the Chinese dollar may decline further.

"There are no guarantees," Mr. Kann said, "that the Chinese dollar, which until recently has been well defended at great costs, will or can be maintained at even the shockingly low levels to which it has fallen. Whilst the visible causes point to the exhaustion of the £10,000,000 stabilization fund the inherent reasons are to be seen in the occupation by the adversary's forces, of China's principal ports. This means that, whereas the Chungking Government is supposed to supply all the foreign monies needed to finance the country's imports, she is prevented from obtaining the cover derived from export paper. The Government is also unable to combat the flight of capital."

Own Currency Impossible

"As to the possibility of the creation of a new Shanghai currency by the Shanghai Municipal Council, I fear that under prevailing conditions, the project is not capable of realization." Mr. Kann went on to say. "The reasons are manifold in my opinion:

Firstly: any corporation acting as a centre for the issue of bank-notes, must have a special capital and secondly: a large equalization fund would be needed in foreign currencies in order to go ahead with this venture."

"We have seen that £10,000,000 were used up within a few months, is it not fair to conclude that an equal amount would be insufficient for the purpose? Who is to supply such sums? And whose will be the risk to lose it all? The Municipal Council certainly cannot undertake such ventures. It lacks both the authority and the capacity for such a risky undertaking."

Many Obstacles

In quoting further obstacles that in his opinion prevent the project from being successful, Mr. Kann pointed out that foreign exchange is intimately interwoven with international trade.

"Since the Municipal authorities are not in a position to control China's or Shanghai's foreign commerce," Mr. Kann continued, "I fail to see its ability to hold the exchange level. The Municipal authorities might be called upon to finance legitimate imports on the basis of local banks' verification and confirmation but they cannot force exporters to sell their devises to the Council. This means that—even if flight of capital were ruled out—the Municipality would be called upon only to sell foreign monies, resulting in exhaustion of its reserves. And then?", Mr. Kann asked in concluding the interview.

Summer Camp for Jewish Children

Japanese Authorities to Open Civic Centre

Owing to certain drawbacks and difficulties, the proposal to establish a summer camp for Jewish refugee children in the Blind Art School on Hungjao Road, could not be entertained, said spokesmen at the press conference yesterday, but owing to the heat and health conditions the Japanese military had been seeking suitable quarters for such a camp.

On Tuesday, Lieut.-Col. Utsonomiya inspected premises at the Civic Centre and it is expected that permission will be granted tomorrow by the Garrison commander for certain buildings to be utilized for this purpose. It is expected that 400 Jewish children under the age of fifteen will be housed there during August.

S.M.R. to Double Capitalization

Tokyo, July 26.

With the Manchoukuo Government subscribing the principal portion of the new capital, the South Manchuria Railway Company was reported by the Tokyo Nichi-Nichi today to be planning to double its present capital of Y.800,000,000 to Y.1,600,000,000.—Domei.

British Ship Hits Mine Off Fukien Coast

Hongkong, July 26.

The British passenger steamer Haitan struck a floating mine off the Fukien coast late yesterday and was making water in No. 2 hold but the vessel was in no immediate danger, it was learned today.

The vessel anchored immediately after striking the mine and, in its first brief message sent at 9 p.m. yesterday, the Haitan did not request assistance. No rescue vessels have as yet left Hongkong to aid the Haitan and probably none will leave unless the steamer requests such assistance.

There were believed to be no passengers aboard the vessel, whose master is Captain E. Walker. The Haitan was en route to Hinhwa on the Fukien coast from Amoy.—United Press.

Another Terrorist Suspect Arrested

Seven Now in Custody for Saturday's Shooting

Another man has been detained by the Settlement police in connection with the terrorist attack made last Saturday night on two Chinese newspapers in Avenue Edward VII and an application for his detention was formally made in the First Special District Court yesterday by the police. The man Yeh Yung-kai is lying in the Lester Chinese Hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the head.

The detention of the new man brings up the total number of terrorist suspects now in the custody of the police to seven. Three of the first six detained suspects were brought before the court on Monday on a writ of detention while the other three are lying in the Police Hospital. The court ruled on Monday that the men be heard on August 7 and so Judge Chien ruled yesterday that the new man be heard together with the other six suspects.

The seventh man was said to be a native of Fukien, aged 38. He was wounded in the head while the police were engaging some gunmen driving in a motor car also on Saturday night in Hankow Road. Although no definite official statement has been issued to implicate him in the crime, he was highly suspected and the police have seen fit to have him detained and tried.

Chamber of Commerce For Kunming

Foreign Firms Form New Organization

Kunming, July 26.

A meeting of representatives of 21 foreign firms has decided to form a Foreign Chamber of Commerce at Kunming.

The following Committee was appointed: Chairman, Mr. A. Urquhart (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.); Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. I. Herrmann (Carlowitz & Co.); Secretary & Treasurer, Mr. Homer W. Loh (Butterfield & Swire). Committee members include: Mr. W. M. H. Hrunke (Siemssen & Co.); Mr. Nelson Y. Chang (William Hunt & Co.); Mr. E. R. Mackay (Ou Steel Brothers & Co., Ltd.); Mr. D. Kominatis, representing German and American interests; Mr. Haratiss, representing Greek interests.

The Vice-Chairman of the French Chamber of Commerce also attended the meeting. He said that as the French firms already had their own Chamber of Commerce, they would not join the new organization, but he offered the full co-operation of the French Chamber of Commerce.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Sgt. Georges Bykhovsky

Sergeant George Bykhovsky of the French Concession Police who died suddenly at 1 a.m. yesterday, was a member of the police force since 1922 after he had distinguished himself as lieutenant in the French air force during the world war. For his excellent services, he had been decorated with the French Croix de Guerre with palm, and with the Gold Medal of the Concession.

Funeral services will be held at 8.30 a.m. today at the St. Nicolas Church, Rue Corneille, to be followed by interment at the Lokawei Cemetery at 9.30 a.m.

Opium Trafficker Sentenced

Armed Guard Gets Six Years in Jail

An armed guard of an opium hong in the western district named Chang Shi-keng was sentenced to six years' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court, charged with continued transportation of opium and possession of military firearms. His pistol and seven rounds of ammunition were confiscated.

Chang was arrested at about 10 p.m. on July 11 in Connaught Road while he and several other men were engaged in transporting a large quantity of opium into the Settlement. When he put his right hand into his pocket the police caught him in time to prevent any resistance. He was found in possession of a pistol loaded with eleven bullets. His accomplices escaped with the opium.

Chang was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for transporting opium and two years for holding a military weapon, but Judge Chiang commuted the sentence to a six-year prison term.

Bokuyo Maru Fire Scandal Looms

Copper Ore Smouldered In Hold Before Vessel Touched at Los Angeles

Tokyo, July 26.

Threatening to develop into a major shipping scandal, the fire aboard the Nippon Yusen Kaisha South American liner Bokuyo Maru today became the topic of widespread comment as surviving passengers claimed that the high seas tragedy could have been prevented.

Copper ore aboard the ship, these survivors alleged through 16 representatives elected from their midst, was smouldering before the ship reached Los Angeles. One three-year-old child, and the stewardess and one engineer lost their lives in the mishap on July 18 when the ship sank after several explosions caused by the fire.

The copper ore aboard the Bokuyo Maru, Mr. Shozo Yajima and Mr. Toshiie Muraoka, members of the survivors' committee said, was smouldering when the ship left Manzanillo, Mexico, on June 23.

The passengers, they said, nauseated by the acrid smoke that further increased their discomfort from seasickness, had asked Captain Shinichi Amand to transfer them to the Taiyo Maru at Los Angeles.

On July 17, the day before the ship sank, the smoke from the holds increased and water was poured over the ore. Officers told passengers that there was no danger because there was sufficient water to douse the ore.

Staying in twelve local hotels, the surviving passengers are planning to demand compensation from the Nippon Yusen Kaisha on the grounds that the fire was caused by negligence.

In case their demand is refused, the committee of sixteen which includes four women, will complain to the Ministries of Communications and of Foreign Affairs.—Domei.

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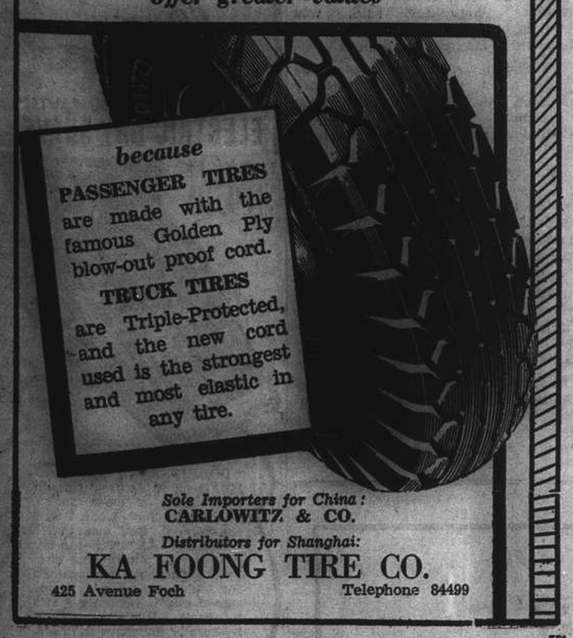
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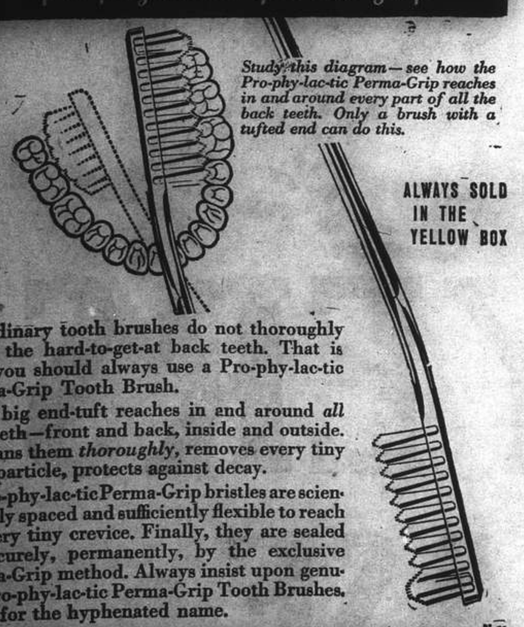

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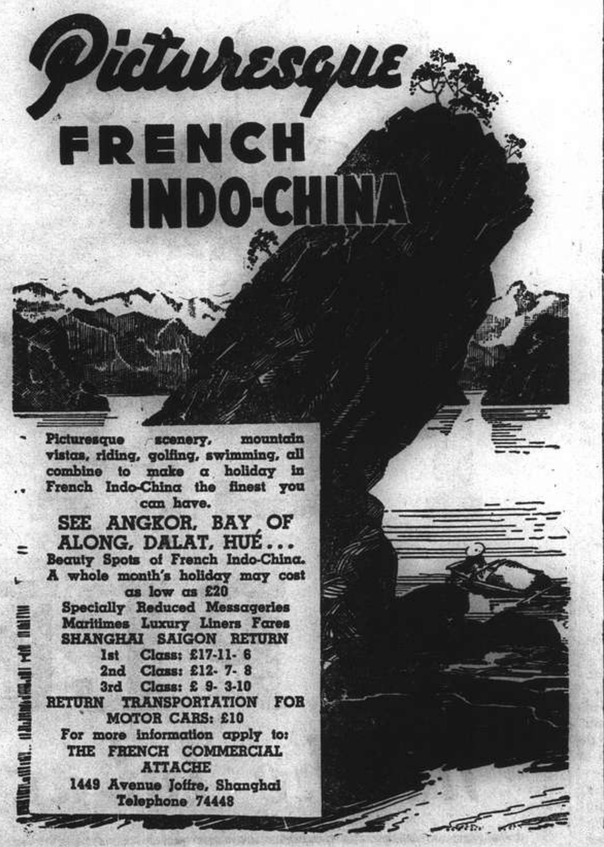

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JOHNSON.—On July 26, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Captain and Mrs. HYLTON JOHNSON, a son. -1334

MORANG.—On July 26, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Morang, a daughter, DIALAN EDITH. 10490

IN MEMORIAM

PARSONS.—In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, ALICE PARSONS, who fell asleep at Shanghai on July 27, 1936.—"Hearts that loved you truly, can never forget," AILEEN and HARRY. -1307

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

THAT PROTEST

The recognition of facts is the beginning of political wisdom, remarks the "Daily Express" in commenting upon the Tokyo formula, and it is as well that the truth of this saying should be realized by Britons in China as thoroughly as it appears to be in some at least of the influential quarters in Britain. It needs to be remembered, when considering the protests which have been sent to London by the British Chamber of Commerce and the China Association in Shanghai, for if the abridged version supplied by Havas is truly representative of the whole document then a more mischievous message could not have been sent home as the alleged summing up of British opinion in Shanghai. They are fine, emphatic words which allege that the Tokyo formula amounts to a "betrayal of British interests and obligations in China," but what are the facts? The British Government on Monday gave specific assurances to China that the Arita-Craigie agreement did not condone the presence of Japanese troops in China, and does not represent a change in the British policy in the Far East. As this journal pointed out yesterday all that it amounts to is a recognition of a state of affairs which has been patent for the past two years, a recognition which the United States has accorded the situation for a very long time past. If there has been any mistake of policy it has surely been in refusing to accept the realities of a very serious situation, and it is better late than never to amend that error. That this has been done is a tribute to British statesmanship, and an assurance that it is not entirely bereft of political wisdom, the same type of wisdom that the United States Government has consistently shown. The declaration that the accord "indicates that Britain is abandoning her duty, obligations and legal obligations in China" which those responsible for drafting the telegram make, indicates the refusal to accept the very definite assurances which the Prime Minister has given, and which the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has emphasized, and to suggest that they are handling the truth somewhat irreverently.

It will be seen that the two Shanghai bodies minced no words in their telegram of protest. The accord they regarded as "likely to result in the deplorable betrayal of British rights, interests and obligations in China," and in doing so demonstrated a complete failure to realize that the agreement in question does little if anything more than emphasize British neutrality which, in fact, has been in existence all along. The accord puts no limitations upon British rights under that neutrality, and to attempt to read anything like that into the document is to give meanings to words which do not exist. Equally rash it is to seek to find that "by implication the agreement recognizes that insults, and indignities to Britons in Tientsin, which were referred to by the Premier as intolerable, were justified." There is just about as much room in the terms of the accord for that implication as there is for an additional one that the moon is made of green cheese, and only by the most tortuous of reasoning can it be argued that a document which makes no reference whatever to those indignities contains any such admission. The above contention seems more an expression of resentment that an accord has been reached with the Japanese than the result of an impartial consideration of a very simple document. It does not do the slightest bit of good to read interpretations into documents, which cannot be justified by the words used, and are directly contrary to the assurances which have been given by responsible Ministers of the true intentions of the Government. Again the protest is said to contain the following passage: "Unless the agreement is limited by precise definitions, both the present and future of British operations in China will be subject to the control of the Japanese military, and will be dependent on their interpretation of the extremely wide rights conceded to them." What rights have been conceded to the Japanese to which objection can be made? The terms of the accord are simple enough:—

"H.M. Government in the United Kingdom fully recognize the actual situation in China where hostilities on a large scale are in progress, and note that as long as that state of affairs continues to exist the Japanese forces in China have special requirements for the purpose of safeguarding their own security and maintaining public order in regions under their control, and that they have to suppress or remove any such acts or causes as will obstruct them or benefit their enemy. H. M. Government have no intention of countenancing any act prejudicial to the attainment of the above-mentioned objects by the Japanese force, and they will take this opportunity to confirm their policy in this respect by making it plain to the British authorities and British nationals in China that they should refrain from such acts and measures."

Could it be contended, once the existence of hostilities is recognized, that it would be possible to deny the Japanese the right to take whatever precautions may be necessary for the protection of their forces? The contention of this journal that nothing has been done by this accord, which could not have been done with propriety at any time during the past two years, is supported by not a few observers in Britain. That may be seen in the article of the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times" who writes:—

"Last night, many of the shrewdest foreign observers in London agreed that second thoughts on the Anglo-Japanese were best. Nothing has been given away in the formula. It does no more than codify the state of affairs that already exists, and offers a basis if used with restraint, for a *modus vivendi* in the future. Certainly it does not mean that Britain has committed in advance to agree to every demand that any Japanese commander in China may care to make."—Reuter.

That this is so is apparent from the fact that, even in Japan itself, there is nothing in the nature of a unanimous welcome for the accord. Even the reaction in Chungking is not so vehement as the telegram of protest under notice, for it is reported that Chinese circles there favourably greeted the text of the Anglo-Japanese formula, principally because it was "better than anticipated." It is readily admitted that over so important a matter there must of necessity be a very considerable diversity of opinion, but it is suggested that the two committees responsible for this protest would have been better advised to have held their hand, until it was possible to obtain a better comprehension of the realities of the situation, instead of sending a protest which in some respects indicates the breadth of vision of the three tailors of Tooley Street.

Anti-Terrorist Bill

While there will be every sympathy with the British Government in asking for legislation of so singular a nature to deal with terrorism as that contained in The Prevention of Violence Bill which has now been read a second time in the House of Commons, there can be no doubt that the measure will receive the most jealous scrutiny from members, who have not yet forgotten how the Official Secrets Act was passed for one purpose and used for another. Nevertheless, there will be general agreement that evils such as the I.R.A. terroristic campaign requires different treatment from the ordinary categories of crime, and it is essential that the widest possible power should be given to the authorities to deal with the menace. Search without warrants, and detention without the lodging of a charge seem strangely unconstitutional measures, but it is obvious that the authorities should not be hampered in dealing with these political criminals of whom so many have already been arrested and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. Of even more importance is the revelation that other nations are closely concerned in the fostering of the I.R.A. movement, and it is stated that they are actively doing so even to the extent of advancing money to the terrorist organizations. There need, however, be no very grave anxiety over the matter, for experience in the past has shown that the British authorities are generally better advised concerning such activities than a large number of foreigners believe. It will be remembered that immediately upon the outbreak of the Great War the German espionage system was rapidly broken down. It is more than probable that those responsible for counter-espionage work are just as well informed as they were then, and one of the significant aspects of the new Bill are those apparently extra-constitutional provisions which will permit the authorities to act where they have sufficient evidence to warrant such a step, though not enough to put before a Court. The provision, improperly handled, might prove to be a dangerous one, though as an innocent person would undoubtedly have his remedy at law, it is not likely to be imprudently used

China's Anti-Epidemic Campaign

During the past year, the continued hostilities in China have caused vast movements of populations, probably the greatest ever known in Chinese history, with the resulting danger of widespread epidemics of cholera, plague and malaria. Malaria, too, interferes seriously in many regions with new road construction. This has increased enormously the necessity for the development of new routes of water transport in China and, at the same time, problems of road transport have become of vital importance in South-West and Central China. Consequently, when, at the last Assembly, the States Members of the League of Nations voted a sum of 2,000,000 Swiss francs to continue during 1939 the technical assistance already given to China over a period of ten years, the Chinese Government asked for the services of medical advisers in cholera, plague and malaria, the provision of the necessary medical stores and for advisers in river and road engineering. Experts in plague and cholera, fully equipped with laboratory material and the necessary transport, are now working in the north-west and centre of China. At the same time, a League transport service has been established to carry medical stores and petrol to the experts. At the request of the Chinese Government, much of the work of the medical and engineering experts has been concentrated on the Burma Road in order to keep this vital route open during the monsoon period of June to November. The road runs through highly malarial regions where the disease is of a very malignant type. Not only do large numbers of coolies engaged in the work on the road die from malaria, but the fear engendered by their deaths drives away their companions to their villages, and the work is held up. One of the League experts has therefore been appointed by the Chinese Government as an adviser on malaria problems for the whole of the length of the road. He is equipped with mobile and stationary laboratories, a trained staff, and he works in close collaboration with the Chinese Government medical units stationed along the road. One of the League engineers has, at the request of the Ministry of Communications, made a general survey of the road in view of the forthcoming rains, particularly with regard to the further improvement of the surface protection from landslides, rain drainage and the strengthening of the bridges. In addition to the personnel, large quantities of medical stores have been purchased by the League for use in China, including large quantities of quinine, equipment for thirty field bacteriological laboratories, tons of chloride of lime for disinfection of wells in cholera-infected areas, several million doses of cholera and smallpox vaccine and the necessary syringes for inoculation, and drugs for the treatment of cholera, relapsing fever, dysentery and other diseases.

British Export Trade

At £42,273,000, the value of British exports in May this year was 10.8 per cent higher than in May, 1938. The most encouraging feature of this expansion is that the improvement extends to a wide range of industries, the principal of which are coal-mining, textiles, engineering and shipbuilding. The total value of British exports for the first five months of the year is now higher than it was in the corresponding period of 1938, the improved trend being most marked in May. Thus during the first four months or the year the average daily export-value was £1,543,000, but in May this average rose to £1,626,000. Import figures for May show that British international trade has been well balanced. More iron and steel, non-ferrous metals and chemicals were imported, while an increase in the imports of raw textile materials reflects a greater activity in the British textile trades. The results already apparent from the recent Anglo-American trade agreement afford an interesting sidelight on the rise in British exports. The chief items of British exportation to the United States are spirits, wool, woollen and worsted yarns, cotton waste and piece-goods, linen piece-goods, jute piece-goods and non-ferrous metals (mostly tin), and trade in these goods has increased considerably since the agreement came into force on the first of January, 1939. The total value of these exports in the first five months of 1938 was £3,615,000, but in the corresponding period of this year the value was £6,224,000. American exports to Great Britain also improved during that period, the gain being mainly in foodstuffs.

IN PARENTHESIS

Obedient

"Now, who has behaved best this week," asked father, "and done all that mummy said?"

"You, dad," replied the angel child.

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Successful A.R.P.

"How did your black-out practice go?"

"Fine. My two elder daughters have both got engaged through it."

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Fee Splitting

LADY: "I guess you're getting a good thing o' tending the rich Smith boy, ain't ye, doctor?"

Doctor: "Well, yes; I get a pretty good fee. Why?"

Lady: "Well I hope you won't forget that my Willie threw the brick that hit 'im."

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The Last Straw

"YESTERDAY we had the first quarrel of our married life. I had already packed my bag to go home to mother when...."

"Yes?"

"Well, would you believe it? My husband refused to carry it to the station."

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Fashion

"HER hat suggested nothing so much as a couple of white ham-frills laid flat round the top of her head."—Gossip.

But, of course, she checked any ribald merriment by carrying a ham whose frills suggested nothing so much as a hat.

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Jail Sentence

A business man, on retiring, wrote a book which he sent to a publisher. The MS. was promptly returned. Much incensed, the author sent his work to a friend in a newspaper office, writing on the top corner, "What do you think I ought to get for this?"

Back came the MS. with the brief reply written in the opposite corner. "Five years!"

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I.R.A.

A MR. James Brisbane is reported from America to have said that the English would be so "terrified" by the I.R.A. bombing campaign during the next ten months that all the Irish demands would be granted.

The mental gulf between the two races is emphasized by his use of the word "terrified." He should have said "bored."

That is a possibility.

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Touchy Animal

A HARDUP sportsman bought a hunter and put off payments for a time. Later he met the man who had sold him the horse.

"I am not satisfied with that animal," he said.

"Why, what's the trouble?" asked the dealer.

"Well, it won't hold its head up," said the sportsman.

"Oh, that's all right, sir; it's his pride. Just you wait till he's paid for!"

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Last Look at the News

JUST when we thought that old-fashioned villains had disappeared both from the stage and real life a "Jasper Murgatroyd" of the old school has turned up in France, writes a British columnist. He was accused of poisoning his second wife in order to marry a seventeen-year-old household help. According to the evidence in court, he approached the help while she was cooking the dinner and hissed in her ear, "How would you like me to poison my wife so that I can marry you?"

There is no record of the help's reply, though we would like to think of her answering in the manner of the American crazy films ("Why, that would be swell." "Go to it, honey." "It's O.K. by me, butch").

What has impressed us is that there are still honest-to-goodness bad men in the world who don't beat about no bushes, put up a poisoning proposition to a girl without pretending their wives "must have eaten something."

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Green Rats

We don't quite know what to say about the Rector of Herstmonceux, Sussex, whose ambition is to breed green rats.

We have always watched the activities of the clergy with interest and sympathy, but we are rather alarmed to read his statement to a reporter:—

"Women are not keen on rats generally, so I invite them to come and see my 'apricot voles.' They come and like them.

"One of them, nursing a pink rat and thinking it was some other animal, confessed she was horrified of rats."

Perhaps we're a little conventional, but women nursing pink rats and thinking they're something else reminds us more of Bohemian circles than the quiet tea-and-cress-sandwiches atmosphere of an English rectory.

If we were not so busy packing we would write to the bishop about it.

—Gubbins in the "Sunday Express."

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	74.0	Max.	90.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	79.5	Max.	—

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	75.0	Max.	91.8
Same date, 1938	Min.	76.1	Max.	95.7

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 25th:—Normal and unsteady pressure over Japan and China. The typhoon to the east of Naha is stationary tending to start again north-westward. South-easterly winds along the Coast. Cloudy and hot weather in China with local thunder.

State on the morning of the 26th:—Cloudy, hot and very damp weather. East-south-easterly wind. Normal and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and hot weather with south-easterly winds around Shantung. Cloudy and fine getting variable and overcast with showers and freshening easterly winds over our Coasts and even our regions. Cyclonic circulation with squalls and rain over the Eastern Sea and the Chekiang Coast, owing to the small typhoon moving west or west by north. Typhoon signals: 1st: Approximate position of the centre, at 2 p.m., within 60 miles, latitude 29, longitude 127, direction west or west by north, intensity: Unknown. 2nd: Approximate position of the centre, at 2 p.m., within 120 miles, latitude 21, longitude 127, direction north-west, intensity: unknown.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Conversations in Tokyo Make Good Progress

Agreement Reached on Several Points During Third Session; Discussions Continue Under Seven Headings; Limited to Local Issues

Tokyo, July 26.

IT is authoritatively understood that the maintenance of peace and order in Tientsin formed the topic of discussion at today's meeting of the Anglo-Japanese Round Table Conference.

Mutual understanding is said to have been reached between the delegates on certain points, while other points will be discussed tomorrow.

Japanese observers here predict that the delegates to the Anglo-Japanese Conference will reach an agreement regarding the maintenance of peace and order in the British Concession.

Such an agreement, these observers predict, will be reached either this afternoon or tomorrow morning at the latest, after which the discussions will centre around economic questions.

When the Tokyo parleys are concluded, it is predicted here that another Anglo-Japanese Conference will be held at Tientsin, with the object of reaching a detailed agreement.

Smooth Progress

The Anglo-Japanese Conference is making smooth progress.

This was reported by Mr. Hachiro Arita, the Foreign Minister, to members of the Privy Council this morning.

Mr. Arita spent about an hour giving a detailed report of the development of the Tokyo parleys.

Asked by a foreign correspondent regarding Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons regarding the sovereignty of China, the Foreign Office spokesman said the Japanese army had never claimed sovereignty over Chinese territory under their control.

Asked regarding the relations between the Anglo-Japanese joint statement and the Nine Power Treaty, the spokesman observed that the Treaty was "moribund."—Reuter.

Seven Points Discussed

The third session of the Round Table Conference opened at 10.30 this morning to deal with the report of the committee, consisting of two British and two Japanese delegates, in regard to seven points submitted by the Japanese for the maintenance of peace and order in the British Concession in Tientsin.

These points are reported to be:

1. Transfer of the four Chinese suspected of implication in the assassination of Mr. Cheng Shi-kang, Commissioner of Customs.
2. Thorough control of elements resisting and opposing Japan.
3. Immediate dismissal of anti-Japanese officials of the British Concession.
4. Strict prohibition of anti-Japanese newspapers and literature.
5. Suppression of political activities against the new Chinese régime.
6. Employment of Japanese for police and judicial work by the Tientsin Municipal Council.
7. Establishment of a co-operative organ between the Municipal Council and the Japanese military authorities for the searching and arresting of anti-Japanese terrorists.

Currency Question Wanted

The Cabinet has decided that the Chinese currency question shall be taken up at the Anglo-Japanese round table conference, according to the "Nichi Nichi." Great Britain, the newspaper says, will be pressed to contribute to the collapse of China's legal tender:

1. By co-operating in the prohibition and circulation of the legal tender in North China.
2. By the transfer of Chinese silver stocks in the British Concession in Tientsin.
3. By British co-operation in the activities of the Federal Reserve Bank.
4. By effective control of the business of Chinese banks and private bankers in the British Concession in Tientsin.

Regarding Central and South China, the "Nichi Nichi" understands that Japan has decided to request the concrete co-operation of the British authorities on the spot with regard to Chinese commercial banknotes.—Reuter.

London Limits Talks

London, July 25.

The agenda for the impending Anglo-Japanese negotiations would be strictly limited to local Tientsin issues; it would include the question of the silver specie deposit in the British Concession, Government quarters disclosed today.

On the agenda would be the problem of custody of the four Chinese alleged murderers still held by the British authorities in Tientsin.

Also dealt with, it was said, would be the problem of Anglo-Japanese police co-operation for the suppression of anti-Japanese terrorist activities which might originate in the British Concession.

"Certain financial problems" would be discussed, the same quarters claimed, and among these would be that of the Chinese deposit of $48,000,000 worth of silver, which will probably be studied after the rest of the problems are settled. It was held probable that French representatives would participate in these parleys.

Anglo-Japanese conversations are expected to start at an early date, as soon as the exchange of views on the agenda is completed at Tokyo.

Britain, the Government quarters concluded, was determined to refuse to discuss broader issues than those mentioned and, in particular, would not allow Japan to raise general financial problems during discussions about the silver specie deposit in Tientsin.—Havas.

Japan Not Seeking Money Debacle

Wants National Currency Stabilized at Three Pence; British Policy Unchanged

FROM PERCY WHITING
N.C.D.N. Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, July 26.

High Japanese economic leaders tell me that there is no intention to abolish China's national currency, but it is hoped to stabilize it at three pence.

The statement by the Japanese commander-in-chief in the Tientsin area that the blockade of the British Concession could not be lifted at present received publicity here today. A Foreign Office spokesman, when questioned about it, told me that the procedure in Tientsin was entirely at the local commander's discretion.

During his interview with the press yesterday night, Sir Robert Craigie pledged Britain faithfully to observe the basis of the Anglo-Japanese agreement, which, he said, applies to all parts of China occupied by the Japanese, including Shanghai and Kulangsu. He declared that the Chinese currency question could not be examined until later, and he emphasized that Great Britain from the beginning had had no intention to obstruct the Japanese. The present agreement, therefore, meant no change in British policy.

No Spectacular Change

The Minister of the Navy in an interview gave his views on the agreement which, he said, did not necessarily represent any spectacular change in British policy.

"It remains to be seen how Great Britain implements the agreement in the future. Therefore we must be most cautious and also wait to see the effect of the agreement on Chungking," he said.

Though as was only to be expected the military situation had been weakened, the odds were still seventy to thirty in Japan's favour, he continued. Therefore Japan should administer another strong push to knock out Chiang Kai-shek.

In the meantime anti-British demonstrations have not been stopped. On Monday night the Seiyukai Party sponsored a meeting of thousands, packing the Tokyo public hall. The president of the party, Mr. Fusanosuke Kuhara, grudgingly admitted the new agreement, nevertheless he violently denounced British support of General Chiang Kai-shek, which was obstructing the Japanese. Britain must completely sever connections with General Chiang, he maintained.

In spite of the demonstrations, neither the Embassy nor myself have heard of the molestation of any British individuals in Japan.

Army Dissatisfied

Peiping, July 26.

The Japanese army in North China is not entirely pleased by the Anglo-Japanese Agreement and may issue a statement of its own shortly, according to well-informed Japanese sources.

Meanwhile, the Chinese-language organ of the Japanese army in North China says that optimism has been expressed because Great Britain has recognized the position of Japan arising from the hostilities.

"This conception," it adds, "would be right and proper if we have other right-thinking nations in mind, but optimism is not warranted when we are with England, which is noted for its cunning."

The newspaper goes on to suggest the Great Britain is insincere and must be closely watched.—Reuter.

Chamberlain Statement Criticized

Tokyo, July 26.

The statement of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, in the House of Commons that the Anglo-Japanese Agreement does not imply, in any way, any change in British policy in China, is the subject of comment today in an editorial in the "Asahi Shimbun."

The newspaper remarks that since Great Britain "now completely recognizes the existence of a state of major war in China, and all the conditions arising from it, we fail, from the point of view of commonsense, to understand how the terms of the agreement can be concretely fulfilled without Britain changing her past policy."—Reuter.

F.R.B. Notes Appreciate Over National Money

Quoted at Higher Rates For First Time

Tientsin, July 26.

For the first time since their introduction, Federal Reserve Bank notes were quoted today at better than National Currency.

Premiums of upwards of 3½ per cent. were reported to have been offered, but not much business was done.

It is understood that the situation was brought about by the Tokyo conversations, which caused considerable nervousness among Chinese regarding the future of the national currency in North China.—Reuter.

Pearl River Closed

Canton, July 26.

The Pearl River will be closed to all foreign traffic tomorrow, according to an announcement made today by Mr. Okazaki, the Japanese Consul-General in Canton.—Reuter.

Local British Bodies Protest Tokyo Formula

"Betrayal" of British Interests Alleged

London, July 25.

A categorical protest against the Anglo-Japanese agreement as a "betrayal of British interests and obligations in China" was received today by the China Association headquarters here from the British Chamber of Commerce and China Association in Shanghai.

The protest, in the form of a telegram, strongly criticizes the agreement concluded in Tokyo as announced in the House of Commons by the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, yesterday.

The accord "indicates that Britain is abandoning her duty, obligations and legal position in China," the two British bodies declared.

They added that they regarded the accord as "likely to result in the deplorable betrayal of British rights and interests and obligations in China."

Insults Justified?

"By implication," the telegram claimed, "the agreement recognizes that insults and indignities to Britons in Tientsin, which were referred to by the Premier as intolerable, were justified.

"Unless the agreement is limited by precise definitions, both the present and future of British operations in China will be subject to the control of the Japanese military and will be dependent on their interpretation of the extremely wide rights conceded to them.

"The agreement is considered here to indicate that Britain is abandoning her duty, obligations and legal position in a manner as injurious to her honour and prestige as to her interests," the two Shanghai associations concluded.—Havas.

The full text of the telegram of the British Chamber of Commerce and the China Association was not made available for publication in Shanghai yesterday.

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Commons Statement on Moscow Talks Due

Mr. Chamberlain Promises Details by Next Week

London, July 26.

"Fresh instructions were sent last night to Sir William Seeds, the British Ambassador in Moscow, and I hope to be in a position to make a statement early next week," Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, stated in the House of Commons this afternoon when dealing with the tripartite negotiations in the Soviet capital.

"Has it now been agreed that military and naval officers should proceed to Moscow to have staff talks?" Mr. Hugh Dalton, Labour member for the Pekham Division of Camberwell, wanted to know.

"We have sent certain instructions to Sir William Seeds, but I have not heard what the Soviet reactions are," the Prime Minister replied.

"Are the French Government also proposing to send a military mission to Moscow?" Mr. Geoffrey Le Mesurier Mander, Liberal member for East Wolverhampton, inquired.

"I cannot answer with regard to the French Government," Mr. Chamberlain said, "but I can assure the Honourable Member that the French and British Governments are acting in full collaboration."—Havas.

Americans Slapped Near Peiping

Japanese Sentries Again Insult Foreigners

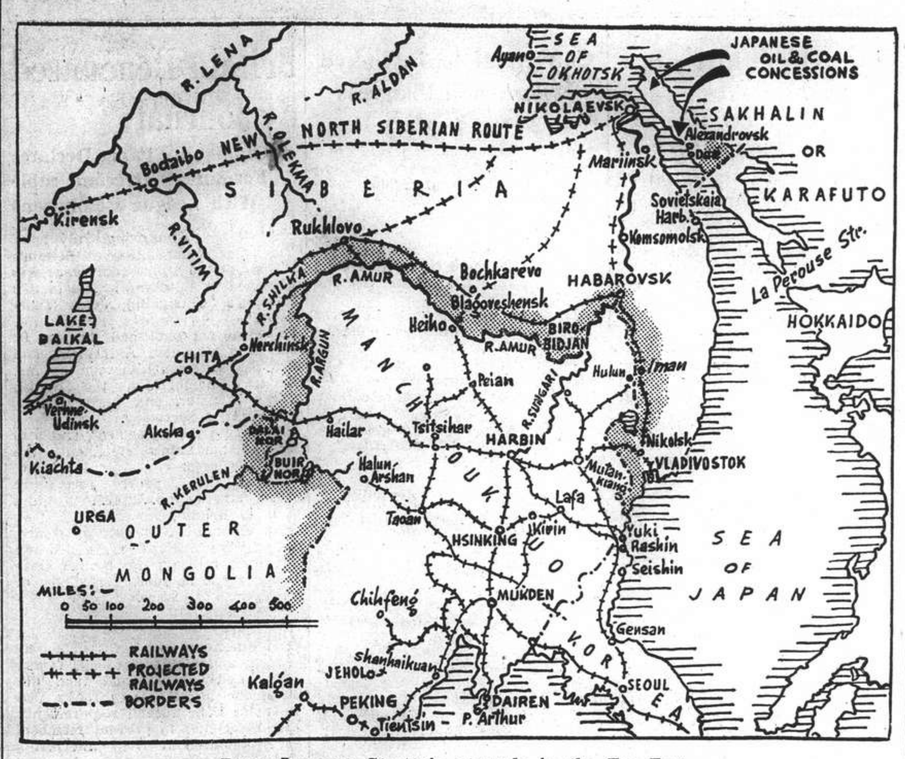
Peiping, July 26.

The United States Embassy today lodged a vigorous protest with the Japanese Embassy here and demanded that disciplinary action be taken over the slapping of an American Catholic priest and an American college athletic coach by Japanese sentries.

The protest was filed with the Japanese authorities after Father Daniel Scannell, American Franciscan priest, and Mr. A. E. Smithberger, Athletic coach of the Fujen University, had officially reported to the U. S. Embassy that they had been assaulted by Japanese sentries. They claimed that they were the victims of an unprovoked attack last Saturday.

The two Americans were not only slapped by the sentries but were detained for a short period. They were also alleged to have been threatened with a loaded rifle in the hands of a Japanese soldier.

The attack on the Americans by Japanese soldiers occurred on Saturday near the Summer Palace. They were en route to a house in the hills when they were halted and made to show their passes.—United Press.



Russo-Japanese Strategic Struggle in the Far East

This map graphically portrays the strategic struggle between Soviet Russia and Japan in the Far East. While fighting on a scale approximating a major engagement is proceeding in the vicinity of Buir Noir on the Outer Mongolia-Manchoukuo boundary, the political battlefield swings to Sakhalin. There the Japanese have extensive oil and coal concessions in the northern part of the island which are subject of negotiations and protests as the Japanese claim the Russians are interfering with the exploitation of these concessions. Between the military and the political aspects, a situation of unusual tenseness exists and might lead to more serious developments. This map shows other features not generally known to the student of Far Eastern affairs. On the mainland from Sakhalin, or Karafuto as the Japanese term it, is Sovietskaia Harbour, the only important Russian ice-free port between Nikolaevsk and Vladivostok. Another smaller ice-free port is De Castrie's Harbour, on the coast near Mariinsk, on the Amur River, south of Nikolaevsk. Soviet Russia plans to link this with Mariinsk by canal, but it is feared this project might divert the course of the Amur River. Dominating the situation in the north is the new North Siberian Railway, which is reported to have been completed after two years with the aid of forced labour provided by political prisoners. Strategically, this railway, if completed, transforms the entire Far Eastern scene as far as Soviet Russia and Japan are concerned.

Commons Discuss Drop in Chinese Dollar

Searching Questions Asked Sir John Simon; Cost of Garrisons in China Also Revealed

London, July 25.

THE further drop in the value of the Chinese dollar was the subject of discussion in the House of Commons today. Mr. F. J. Bellenger, Labour member for the Bassetlaw division of Notts, asked whether Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, had noted the further depreciation in the exchange value of the Chinese dollar, and whether the resources of the Currency Stabilization Fund were now exhausted.

Sir John Simon thought that Mr. Bellenger would appreciate that secrecy must be observed in regard to the currency position of the Chinese Currency Stabilization Fund, just as in the case of the British and other exchange equalization funds. Mr. Bellenger said there was no secrecy to the fact that the Chinese dollar had depreciated something like fifty per cent. since Sir John Simon asked the House to vote the money of British taxpayers to keep the Chinese dollar stable. Did the Chancellor intend to allow the Chinese dollar to find its own economic level?

In reply, Sir John said that, on the last matter, he could add nothing to the answer he gave on July 11.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Labour member for Derby, asked if the Chancellor could give an assurance that the British Government did regard it as in British interest that the exchange value of the Chinese dollar should be maintained.

Sir John Simon said he did not think he could add to his previous answer, in which he declared that no further action was being discussed at present. In other respects, circumstances were unchanged.

Mr. George Strauss, Labour member for North Lambeth, asked if the Government's policy towards the Chinese currency would be maintained.

The Chancellor replied that the question was not on paper.

"Has not the Government surrendered to Japan in the Far East?" next asked Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Opposition Liberal member for East Wolverhampton.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy-Leader of the Labour Opposition, question whether action should not be taken to see that no further depreciation of the dollar took place.

Sir John Simon replied that it would require further legislation.

Bank Co-operation

Sir John Simon reiterated that no representations had been made to the bank which had its headquarters in London and whose branch in Shanghai was alleged to be co-operating with the Japanese authorities in weakening the Chinese exchange fund.

The subject was raised by Mr. George Strauss who enquired regarding the nature of the representations made by the Treasury to the bank in question.

Sir John Simon replied that "no such representations have been made by the Treasury."

Mr. Strauss: "Do you mean that no approach has been made by the Treasury to the bank in Shanghai?"

Sir John Simon: "My answer means what it says. The question is whether the Treasury has made representations, and the answer is 'no'."

Record Fall in British Trade

Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Labour member for Kirkcaldy Burghs, drew attention to the record fall in the trade of the United Kingdom with China for the first six months of 1939. He asked if this could be attributed to the Japanese capture and isolation of Canton, Kongmoon and other Chinese ports, and if any action was being taken to counteract the effect of the occupation.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, said he recognized that imports for the first six months totalled £76,000 less than the corresponding period last year. "Our exports and re-exports, however," he declared, "are slightly larger."

The British Government, Mr. Stanley added, would continue to watch the situation closely with a view to taking any appropriate step as might appear necessary and practicable to protect British trade with China.

Cost of Garrisons in China

Shanghai does not contribute to the expenditure on British military garrisons in China, said Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary of State for War, in reply to Mr. Harry Day, Labour member for Central Southwark.

In answer to further questions put by Mr. Day regarding the cost of British troops in China, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that effective expenditure on British military garrisons in China for the year ending March 31, 1938, was £1,800,000 excluding recruiting and training expenses at Home. The Hongkong Government, he continued, had contributed £337,000 towards this sum. One infantry battalion loaned for Imperial services at Hongkong, he went on, formed a part of the military garrison.

The whole cost of £90,000, he declared, was being borne by the Army Vote. Since 1937, continued Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Indian Army has loaned a battalion of men to Hongkong, the cost of which was also borne by the Army Vote.—Reuter.

Franco-Japanese Accord

London, July 25.

A statement on a recent Franco-Japanese trade agreement was made in the House of Commons today by Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, in reply to Mr. Alfred Edwards, Labour member for East Middlesbrough.

"The agreement has not been published as far as I am aware," he said, "but I understand that it is intended to ensure the proper working of the exchanges of notes which took place last year. These notes contained provisions relating to quota restrictions on imports of Japan into France on the one hand, and to the issue of import licences and exchange permits in respect of imports of France into Japan on the other."—Havas.

Scotland Yard Notes Immediate Effect Of Prevention of Violence Bill

Large Number of Irishmen Leave Britain to Avoid Questioning; Suspect Lists Revised

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, July 25.

The progress of the Prevention of Violence Bill, the second reading of which was passed in the House of Commons yesterday by 218 votes to 17, is being watched with particular interest by Scotland Yard, where plans for dealing with the situation when the Bill becomes law have already been formulated.

The long list of persons suspected of being actively engaged in terrorism has been revised. Officers of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard have discovered that a large number of Irishmen known to Scotland Yard have already left London for an "unknown destination" to avoid being "interviewed" by officers with whom they have previously come into contact.

Scotland Yard feels that with the help of the new measure, they will be able to end the Irish reign of terror, whatever steps the Irish Republican Army may choose to adopt to counter-act its effect.—Reuter.

London, July 25.

Members of the Irish Republican Army intended to blow up the Houses of Parliament during the Bank Holiday from August 5 to 7, the results of an investigation carried out by Scotland Yard revealed.

It has been ascertained that the I.R.A. recently sent copies of a letter to Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister. Lord Craigavon, the Prime Minister of Ulster; the Vatican City, M. Albert Lebrun, President of France; Signor Mussolini, and President Roosevelt. The letter was drafted in the terms of an ultimatum to the British Government demanding the complete evacuation by Britain of all Irish territory.

The Chief of the Secret Service at Scotland Yard, Mr. Canning, conferred lengthily yesterday with Sir Philip Game and Sir Norman Kendal, high police officials, and obtained from them a free hand in repressing the activities of the I.R.A. Leaves granted to policemen for the Bank Holidays have been cancelled.—Havas.

Signor Gayda Pleased at "Capitulation"

Distrust of Britain Shown In Crowing Article

Rome, July 25.

Signor Virginio Gayda, prominent Italian journalist and Signor Benito Mussolini's mouthpiece, today gave a show of great rejoicing in his newspaper, the "Giornale d'Italia," as he emphasized "the momentous capitulation of the British Empire" to Japan.

At the same time, however, Signor Gayda voiced doubts about Britain's

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Tokyo Ministers Discuss China Settlement

Tokyo, July 26.

Members of the Supreme Military Council this morning discussed the proposed settlement of the China conflict with Lieut.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, War Minister. This followed a report on domestic and foreign conditions by General Itagaki. A similar exposition of views was given by Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki at a meeting of retired generals this afternoon.—Domei.

Council Tackling Living Costs

Industrial Section Will Compile Price Index for Foreigners

The Shanghai Municipal Council announces that an effort will be made to investigate costs of living of non-Oriental foreigners in Shanghai, in which a thorough study of these will be made by housekeepers themselves. One object is to compile an "index", a "pointer" by which it will be able to be known accurately by how much food, rent, heat, clothing and other items move in price and what is the total effect. A second object is to assist the housekeeper in accurate record keeping, which is the basis of budgeting.

Many employers have asked for accurate information as to costs of living, especially since the sharp movements of exchange. Not all employers can make salary adjustments, but accurate facts of living costs are equally important for salaried employees and employers.

Invitations to Homemakers

Individual letters will be addressed to families of married salaried employees living in rented premises and within certain income ranges, inviting them to co-operate in this community effort. During this week, firms, institutions and organizations will be asked to give the names and home addresses and nationalities of foreign married employees to whom letters of invitation will be sent. There will be no cost to the co-operators who will be asked to keep records of their expenditures during a year in record books specially prepared for Shanghai conditions. No names will be used: the names of those co-operating will not be divulged. All information supplied will of course be kept strictly confidential.

The letters of invitation will ask the homemaker to fill in a card and return it to the Industrial Section of the Council, which has been instructed to carry out the work. Full directions will then be mailed. The Industrial Section confidently looks forward to being joined by several hundred families in this study, and hopes to make the personal acquaintance of co-operators in the near future.

Why Study Necessary

Why is the study of income and expenditure necessary? Because it is first necessary to know the relative importance of commodities and services purchased in the average Shanghai budget. Then, as prices of these move from month to month by differing amounts and in different directions, the total effect on living costs be worked out. By any other way, attempts to assess increases in costs of living are mere guesses.

The average family uses many more items than would be thought. Certainly several hundred. The Chinese working class families were found to use over 500 items. The most important are discovered, and the price changes in these followed.

The official study can be made only if the householders keep records and send them in. It is felt that once this is understood, assistance will be forthcoming.

Index figures for the cost of living for Chinese working class families are published monthly in the "Municipal Gazette."

Mr. Hull Declares U.S. Policy In China War Unchanged

Japanese Warned Against Incidents to U.S. Interests; Press Views on Tokyo Accords

Washington, July 25.

TENDING to clear the atmosphere of a great many speculations, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, today asserted that the American attitude towards the Sino-Japanese hostilities had undergone no change right from the first outbreak of fighting. Mr. Hull also announced today that the Gaimusho had informed the State Department of the Anglo-Japanese accords, although London had sent no communication on this subject.

Dealing with the closure of the Pearl River, waterway leading to Canton, by the Japanese authorities, he indicated that the United States would adopt an attitude identical to that it adopted when the river was closed for the first time. American citizens, Mr. Hull said, would be warned and advised to take precautions, but the full responsibility of the Japanese authorities for any incidents or damages that might occur to American interests would not be affected.

American isolationists today were making capital out of the Craigie-Arita agreement in Tokyo, which has given them new and potent arguments against the Administration's foreign policy.

Indicative of the prevailing attitude of many Congressmen was the statement made by Senator Hiram W. Johnson, Republican anl noted isolationist of California.

He claimed the Tokyo accords proved Congressional wisdom in refusing to amend the Neutrality Act as requested by Administration partisans.

His declaration mirrored opinions which incline towards distrust of European diplomacy. Isolationists are now furthering their arguments that Britain and France "always give way when a dagger is placed against their throat." The United States could only lose by linking her case to those of the European democracies, they stated today.

At the same time, however, the major section of Congressional opinion fully approved of Mr. Cordell Hull's advice to American citizens in China, telling them that the Japanese authorities would still be held responsible for any incidents or damages caused.

Congressmen emphasized the United States' determination to maintain the Open Door in China and refuse to recognise violations of international law.—Havas.

Congress to Show Sentiments

Washington, July 26.

The United States Senate will indicate its objections to Japanese attacks on American rights and interests in China before the current session of Congress ends, Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, predicted last night.

Senator Pittman said he believed the Senate would pass the pending Vandenberg Resolution expressing the Senate's approval of a proposal to abrogate the Japanese-American Treaty of Amity and Trade of 1911.

Senator Pittman is the author of an embargo bill which would deprive Japan of access to American raw materials.—United Press.

U.S. Press Comments

New York, July 26.

The New York press yesterday interpreted the Arita-Craigie agreement reached between Japan and Britain in Tokyo last week as a diplomatic victory for Japan and a sign of weakness on the part of Britain.

The Scripps-Howard New York "World Telegram" editorial on the subject carried the title "Kowtow by John Bull." The article said Japan had forced Britain to "bend her knee" and recognize special requirements and rights for the Japanese forces invading China, a nation whose territorial integrity Britain had repeatedly pledged herself to protect.

"In other words," the paper said, "Britain agrees at pistol-point to stop, or at least curtail, her assistance to China. Thus she wins a reprieve for her own large interests in the Far East."

U.S. Did Not Give Support

The paper pointed out that Britain did not dare to send a large fleet to the Far East because of the tense situation in Europe and also brought attention to the fact that the United States had showed no disposition to brandish the American fleet in Tokyo's face.

"Thus," the paper said, "perished the Nine Power Treaty."

The "New York Times" said that in recognizing Japan's special requirements in China, "Britain apparently grants the rights of a belligerent to a government which has not declared war." This, the paper said, was at least the interpretation Japan was placing on the Anglo-Japanese formula.

"The Japanese have the right to hail as a diplomatic victory a document acknowledging the state of hostilities," the paper said. "Penalties surely would have ensued if Japan had declared war. The United States in that case would have been bound to declare an embargo on shipments of war materials to Japan."

The New York "Herald Tribune" said that Britain appears to have conceded to Japanese full belligerent rights. There will be much unjust grumbling in this country over this British 'betrayal of the white man's rights,' but it should be remembered, however, that such grumbling will come in poor grace from this country which has given Britain absolutely no encouragement to defend her treaty rights, with which ours are bound up."—United Press.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 4 3/32d. U.S.$ 8 15/32c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, July 26.

Considerably lower prices for silver were fixed in London today, with quotations being as follows:—

	July 25	July 26
London spot	16 5/8d.	16 7/16d.
„ forward	16 1/4d.	16 3/16d.
„ gold	148/6d.	148/6 1/2d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.6822	$4.6819
One U.S. dollar	51.258d.	51.262d.

—Reuter.

Sum of 691 Soviet Planes Downed

Japanese-Manchoukuo Guns Silence Outer Mongolian Batteries

Changchun, July 26.

Downing 42 Soviet aircraft in engagements yesterday afternoon, Japanese combat planes along Manchoukuo's western border shot down 59 hostile machines during the day, the Kwantung Army headquarters claimed here today. Seventeen had been shot down in the forenoon, the communique said.

Three 1-16 mon-plane combat planes were shot down at about 8.30 a.m., near Nomonhan. Eight more of the same type were downed in a combat above Khalkamiao at 9.30 a.m. Five more Soviet craft are believed to have been disabled in this encounter. About forty 1-16 lghters were intercepted crossing the border at about 2.40 p.m., of which 29 were shot down. Nineteen others were shot down at various points along the border, it was claimed.—Domei.

Mongol Batteries Silenced

Balshagar Heights, July 26.

Soviet artillery batteries on Outer Mongolian soil were wholly silenced by nightfall yesterday after incessant pounding by Japanese guns since 2 o'clock in the morning. Japanese volunteers succeeded in wrecking the pontoon bridges thrown across the Khalka River by the Outer Mongolians, who now find their retreat cut off.

At noon yesterday, one or two Soviet guns and several field artillery pieces maintained a desultory fire vainly attempting to hit their tormentors on the Manchoukuo side. Japanese aerial bombardments were also staged against these batteries during the day.

Isolated Outer Mongolian and Soviet infantry groups were being surrounded at various points near the border. Most of the tanks and armoured cars that also crossed the Khalka were damaged, although some were still cruising about in an attempt to escape annihilation.

Official tabulations by Japanese flying officers placed the number of Outer Mongolian and Soviet aircraft shot down or destroyed on the ground from the beginning of the conflict here till yesterday afternoon at 691. Recent additions to the total of Soviet-built craft that feel prey to Japanese combat craft were 45 on July 23, 41 on July 24 and seventeen yesterday. —Domei.

Manchoukuo Air Defence Precautions

Tokyo, July 26.

Because of the continued trouble on the Manchoukuo-Mongolian border, the Manchoukuo Government has invoked the air defence provisions of the National Defence Law. The provisions will be enforced immediately throughout the country.—Reuter.

Japanese Planes Raid Yangtze Gorges

One Shot Down in Attack In Chungking

Chungking, July 26.

Twenty-seven Japanese bombers, in three squadrons of nine, passed Ichang last evening headed upriver.

One squadron is said to have raided Fushan, in the Yangtze Gorges, but the other 18 machines continued in a westerly direction.

The planes did not attack Chungking, turning back after reaching Patung.

An official communique states that one Japanese bomber was shot down in aerial combat during the raid on Chungking on Monday night, but no confirmation of this is obtainable from other sources.

The communique says that 27 Japanese bombers, in two squadrons of 18 and nine respectively, raided Chungking on Monday night.

Chinese pursuit planes, it adds, engaged the raiders when the latter appeared above the capital.

The only damage suffered as a result of the attack was on the north bank of the Chialing river, where scores of houses were set on fire and some civilians were killed and injured.—Reuter.

Nanking Mayor Escapes Gunmen's Bullets

Three Shots Fired at New Regime Official

Nanking, July 26.

Mayor Kao Kuan-wu had a narrow escape from assassination when an unidentified gunman fired three pistol shots at him as he was passing the First Futzumiao Primary School at about 11.50 o'clock this morning. None of the bullets hit the Mayor.

Chinese police and Japanese gendarmes immediately started a hunt for the assailant. It was assumed that he is a member of an anti-Japanese organization.

Recently Mayor Kao survived another attempt on his life when he drank poisoned wine, along with several Japanese and Chinese officials, at a banquet given at the Japanese Consulate-General here.—Domei.

Trainer Sues Owner In H.M. Court

Russian Claims Share Of Winnings for Last Half of 1938 Season

The suit of Mr. Ivan Bolshatoff, Russian trainer, against Mr. Eric Moller, local businessman and racing stable owner, reopened in H. M. Court yesterday morning before Judge P. Grant Jones. The plaintiff, who claimed $1,244.90 from the defendant, alleging the sum to represent the balance of commission due to the trainer under an agreement with Mr. Moller, was represented by Mr. M. Reader Harris. Mr. Victor Priestwood appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Bolshatoff gave evidence that he was engaged by Mr. Moller in June or July of 1933 as a trainer, at a salary of $100 per month and 10 per cent. of the winning stakes for all the stable employees. Mr. Molinofsky, of Mr. Moller's office, explained that he, Bolshatoff, could keep 5 per cent. for himself and divide the remaining 5 per cent. among the other employees, which at the time consisted of nine mafoos.

The plaintiff said that in April, 1938, Mr. Moller had arranged to buy two bay mares from a dealer named Mr. Sizih, at a cost of $10,000. The defendant had not seen the two mares when he bought them, he had merely seen photographs of them. Previous to the purchase, in March, 1938, Mr. Bolshatoff had an interview with Mr. G. Sizih, in which the dealer showed him a photograph of the two mares and asked the trainer to introduce him to the defendant, promising to pay the plaintiff 10 per cent. of the price obtained for the mares. "I did not ask him for it," asserted Mr. Bolshatoff.

Ponies Unsatisfactory

When the ponies arrived in April, Mr. Moller was not satisfied with them, saying that they were not up to contract, continued the plaintiff. The trainer agreed with him and told Mr. Moller that inasmuch as he had been offered 10 per cent. of the purchase price, Mr. Moller could give $9,000 for the two mares and he would forego his commission. Mr. Moller had already paid a balance of $2,500 on the mares and in order to keep from losing the amount of the deposit he should buy the mares for $9,000, said the trainer.

Mr. Moller bought the ponies and then offered to pay the $1,000 commission out of his own pocket to the plaintiff. The witness said that he refused the offer and that Mr. Moller had entered the sum in the savings account of Mr. Bolshatoff's infant son, in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Mr. Moller never told me not to accept commissions from dealers," stated the plaintiff.

In August, 1938, a Mr. A. J. Prejensky in Dairen notified Mr. Bolshatoff that he had some ponies to sell. As Mr. Moller was out of town at the time, he brought the matter up with his three sons and they decided to buy the ponies. "They decided to send me to Dairen," continued the plaintiff, "and before I left I lent Mrs. Prejensky the sum of £104 in Shanghai dollars so that her husband could make a last payment on the ponies." A total of four ponies were purchased by the Mollers at a cost of Hk.$21,750.

Offered Commission

After the deal had been completed, the witness continued, Mr. Prejensky thanked him and offered him about 5 per cent. of the money obtained for the ponies. Mr. Prejensky gave the trainer Hk.$1,000. Mr. Chrys Moller asked the plaintiff if he had received anything from Prejensky and when he admitted that he had received the Hk. $1,000, Mr. Chrys Moller told him "Good, if you didn't you're no damn good."

On November 10, 1938, Mr. Moller bought a chestnut mare from Mr. N. P. Chijoff for Hk.$5,500. From this sale, Mr. Bolshatoff admitted receiving about $700 in commission. The money was paid to Mrs. Bolshatoff while the trainer was away in Hongkong.

Mr. Bolshatoff is claiming in his suit, 5 per cent. of the winnings from the Hongkong and Shanghai racing meetings of second half of 1933. The defendant offered to pay him 4 per cent., but this the plaintiff refused. The trainer said that of the 10 per cent. which he received for the stable employees, he had sometimes divided more than 5 per cent. among the mafoos and riding boys, and sometimes more. He had been customarily giving the other Russian riding boys in the stable a share of his own 5 per cent., of his own free will. Thus at times his share would be less than the 5 per cent. agreed upon.

Interest in Stable

The reason that he gave the other members of the staff more than their 5 per cent. at times, said Mr. Bolshatoff, was because he had a keen interest in the stable and because the others helped him very much. The distribution among the stable employees was left entirely to him, although he sometimes submitted the list to Mr. Moller for an opinion. The list was not always agreed upon by Mr. Moller, however, before the distribution was made.

Mr. Priestwood pointed out to the plaintiff that on four different occassions he had taken less than the 5 per cent. which he was entitled to. Mr. Bolshatoff steadfastly maintained that he did this because he wanted to give more to the members of the staff. Counsel for the defence further asserted that Mr. Bolshatoff had approached the pony dealers, from whom he had collected commission, and asked for commission. The trainer denied this, saying that the commission had been offered to him.

The case was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

Japanese Pharmacist Released

Operations aganist a band of Chinese guerillas, led by Wang Teh-chow, near Szekiao in the Sungkiang area on July 21, led to the release of a Japanese pharmacist and his Chinese assistant who were prisoners of the irregulars, a Japanese army spokesman announced yesterday afternoon.

The Chinese, attacked by a Japanese army force, fled leaving 40 dead, two light machine guns, 17 rifles, and 1,805 rounds of rifle ammunition, according to the spokesman. Three prisoners were also taken, the spokesman said.

Drought in U.S. Starts Many Brush Fires

New York, July 26.

Hundreds of brush fires are burning in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania as a result of one of the worst droughts for generations. Farmers fear that the dry spell, combined with the terrific heat, may result in the total loss of many products. Fruit is prematurely ripening and in many places vegetables have withered.

Thousands of persons are sleeping on the beaches, and on rooftops, because of the heat.—Reuter.

Chinese Attacking Japanese Flanks

Invaders in Difficulties in Shansi; Floods Hamper Communications

Chungking, July 26.

The Japanese forces in south-west Shansi were facing many difficulties because of the mountainous nature of the district and also because of heavy rains, which were hampering Japanese communications, declared the Chinese military spokesman in commenting on the war situation in Shansi.

In view of the fact that the Japanese driving into the Taihong mountains possessed superior equipment, the spokesman said, the Chinese were concentrating their efforts on attacking the Japanese flanks and rear.

As a result, he added, the two opposing forces were at present hopelessly interlocked at many points in the vicinity of Yangchen and Chingchen.—Reuter.

Operations in Honan

Chungking, July 25.

Japanese military operations have been resumed in southern Honan, according to dispatches received here from Loyang.

Following a protracted lull in hostilities, the reports state, Japanese forces, supported by armoured cars, commenced a push on Sunday from Sinyang along the Peiping-Hankow Railway in the direction of Minkiang, which lies 25 miles north of Sinyang.—Trans-Ocean.

Chinese Repulsed Near Nanchang

Hankow, July 26.

Japansee forces defeated about 1,000 Chinese troops which attempted a counter-attack in the vicinities of Hoshan and Litsun, 25 kilometres south of Nanchang, at dawn on Monday, according to field reports reaching here today.

The Chinese fled southward, leaving 80 dead. The Japanese captured a quantity of assorted supplies.—Domei.

Kiangsu Cities Bombed

A Japanese Army Air Base in Central China, July 26.

Japanese army aircraft today subjected Tungtai, central Kiangsu city, 150 kilometres north-west of Shanghai, to an intense bombardment.

Hinghwa, 25 kilometres north-west of Tungtai, was also bombed.

Other Japanese flying units subjected Chinese troop concentrations 80 kilometres north of Sinyang to heavy bombing.

A Japanese army air unit bombed Chinese troops entrenched 50 kilometres north-west of Sinyang and other points west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway yesterday morning. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Chinese.

On Monday several Japanese bombers scattered Chinese troops in the mountains south of Tungcheng, in south-eastern Hupeh, forcing them to flee to the south.—Domei.

Better View Taken Of Tokyo Accord

Opposition Continues To Criticize Formula But Facts Emerging

London, July 26.

The Anglo-Japanese preliminary agreement over the Tientsin issue continues to be the subject of much discussion in Far Eastern circles here.

Cautious observers, including some representatives of North China business, are now inclined to be more cheerful. They contrast the barrage of propaganda by the Japanese press and spokesmen during the Arita-Craigie conversations, and the flamboyant assertions of what Great Britain will be compelled to yield, with the actual agreement which, they assert, involves no fundamental change in British policy whatever, and does not commit Great Britain beyond what is acceptable.

Opposition writers, however, vehemently reject this view. The agreement, they maintain, recognizes Japan's right to resort to undeclared war in China, and forms a basis for further attacks on British residents and property whenever Japan feels it necessary.

The Chinese Campaign Committee is staging large-scale protest demonstrations tomorrow, a mass lobby meeting of Members of the House of Commons, and a poster parade in the West End.

Financial Aspects

Financial writers examine the agreement from the point of view of future aid to China, especially with reference to the stability of the Chinese dollar.

The "Financial News" says: "The discussions are being confined to local issues in Tientsin, which is a great advance on the original Japanese demands for a sweeping settlement.

"For the moment, we seem to have arrived at a modus vivendi with Japan, without surrendering freedom of action towards China. The important thing is that this freedom should be exercised. As an immediate issue, the formula should not be allowed to influence the British attitude of support for the Chinese dollar."

After examining the Chinese trade position and the new rules for the restriction of Chinese imports, the "Financial News" voices the opinion that, to strengthen the exchange fund unnecessarily would be to throw good money into a bottomless pit. It says, however, that some plan must be devised to prevent it falling indirectly into Japanese hands.—Reuter.

Strict Precautions On Ave. Edward VII

Cement Pill Box Erected; Armoured Cars Stand by Ready for Any Attempt

With a seventh suspect in the custody of the police, and with detectives working overtime in investigating last Saturday's two shoot-ups so that they may prepare the charges against the arrested men for the hearing on August 7, the Settlement and Concession authorities have prepared a plan whereby terrorists who should attempt to attack any of the newspapers with premises along Avenue Edward VII in the future, will find this a very difficult job. French P. W. D. coolies were busy yesterday in putting up a cement pill-box at the intersection of Rue Montauban and Avenue Edward VII, whilst a mobile pill box is standing in the vicinity. Furthermore two armoured cars have been definitely assignel to the dangerous section of the street, one being stationed almost opposite the newspaper building which was attacked last Saturday, and the other in the vicinity of the "Evening Post & Mercury Building," whilst the alleyway through which the terrorists entered the building which they attacked has been barricaded off with barbed wire.

Meanwhile, an armoured car is standing by in the compound of the Central Police Station, ready to turn out at a few seconds' notice. It is not known whether any police precautions have been taken inside the building, although it was presumed that a number of foreign members of the force may be stationed there, heavily armed.

Thorough Inquiries

Indicative of the thoroughness with which detectives in charge of the case are working, are the circumstances of the arrest of the last suspect. He was one of the persons wounded in the Avenue Edward VII shoot-up and had been rushed to the Lester Chinese Hospital for treatment. Detectives questioned all the injured persons detained in the various hospitals with a view to obtaining from them, their accounts of the occurrence. When they came to this man, the questions were answered in a rather evasive way and after the detectives had cross-questioned him on a number of occasions since Saturday night, they came to the conclusion that he must be considered as a suspect. He was therefore removed to the Police Hospital where it will be easier to watch him.

Whilst it was presumed that progress is being made in the investigations of the shooting affrays, police officials have not as yet made a statement regarding their findings and are not likely to release anything until the case goes to court.

R.A.F. Bombers in France "Chased"

Mimic Battles Fought With French Aircraft; Production Increased

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, July 26.

The flight of 240 British bombers over France yesterday was even more spectacular than the two preceding ones. The streets and squares of Paris were crowded with sightseers.

The Wellington bombers roared along the Champs Elysees, over the Arc de Triomphe, and later above the towers of Notre Dame. Apart from strong winds, the weather was excellent, and the thunderstorms expected over the Dauphine Alps failed to materialise.

Some machines covered 1,600 miles nonstop, and all safely returned to their British bases in scheduled time.

The flight leader of one formation, landing after a 1,500-mile flight to Marseilles and back, declared that he had sufficient petrol to fly hundreds of miles further if desired.

The 240 bombers were manned by 1,000 men.

French anti-aircraft defences and fighter planes were warned as soon as the British planes reached the French coast, and mimic air battles were staged in many parts of France as fighters intercepted bombers. Orders to the flights of bombers were despatched by wireless from bases in England.

The returning formations were intercepted again on crossing the British coast by British fighters.

Anglo-French Solidarity

The volume of the joint aircraft construction of England and France was already on the same scale as the output of that nation which first laid upon mankind the burden of this ruinous competition, said M. Guy La Chambre, French Minister for Air, speaking at a dinner given here last night in commemoration of Louis Bleriot's pioneer flight across the Channel on July 25, 1909. Tomorrow, if necessary, he added, the volume would be twice as great.

Sir Kingsley Wood, British Secretary of State for Air, declared that mighty British and French air forces were still being built to preserve peace, to resist aggression and to maintain justice and right.

"Our efforts are consecrated to that purpose alone," Sir Kingsley continued. "We threaten no country, we desire brotherhood and comradeship the whole world over, and Great Britain and France, joined together by so much common sacrifice, are determined to defend their principles, the common rights of civilization and the independence of nations."—Reuter.

Serious Famines Feared Central Hopei

Chungking, July 26.

Serious famines are threatening central Hopei following early droughts this spring and recent floods in the Sha and Huto River areas, Chinese reports said today.

The floods ruined thousands of acres of crops and hundreds of peasants were drowned in the neighbourhood of Naliuto, Anping, Yaoyang, Poyeh, Chuhsien, Kaoyang, Jenchiu and Hochien, the reports claimed. The fields in these areas were denuded of small crops, they said.—United Press.

Conversations in Tokyo Make Good Progress

(Continued from page 7)

sincerity in concluding the new Anglo-Japanese agreement and expressed fears of "mysterious manœuvres."

Britain, he claimed, had hinted to Tokyo about possibilities of a British loan, but "she is beginning to find out that she cannot hold two fronts: that of Eastern Europe and the one in the Far East.

She is beginning to feel the heavy burden of the encirclement policy.

"The London Government must therefore modify its attitude, and this will not fail to impress unfavourably the Soviet Government, the guaranteed States and the Governments of those whom the great Democracits wish to guarantee."—Havas.

Commons Questioned On Tokyo Parleys

Mr. Chamberlain Refuses to Make Further Statement

London, July 26.

Questioned in the House of Commons today regarding the Anglo-Japanese negotiations, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, said the meetings hitherto held dealt only with procedure.

Mr. Philip Noel Baker, Labour member for Derby, asked whether the Japanese reply to the concessions made in the Tokyo formula had only been that they proposed to take measures to restrict food supplies to Hongkong and arrest British officials in Shanghai.

Mr. Chamberlain: "No!"

Captain Wedgewood-Benn, Labour member for the Gorton division of Manchester, asked whether Mr. Chamberlain's attention was drawn to the very serious reaction to the Tokyo agreement.

Mr. Chamberlain replied he had no statement to make.—Reuter.

Guerillas Dispersed Near Chefoo

Japanese naval landing forces, cooperating with 200 members of a pacification corps, attacked and dispersed guerillas 30 kilometres south of Chefoo, popular summer resort in the north-eastern Shantung promontory, on Sunday, the headquarters of the Japanese China Sea Fleet announced in a communiqué issued yesterday.

The guerillas suffered heavy losses, the statement said.

THE CINEMA

"Persons in Hiding"

Peter Griswold .....Lynne Overman
Dorothy Bronson .....Patricia Morison
Freddie "Gunner" Martin J. Carrol Naish
Dan Waldron .....William Henry
Helen Griswold .....Helen Twelvetrees
Alec Inglis .....William Frawley
Blasé Elonde .....Juttta Barrett
Burt Nast .....William Collier, Sr.
Madame Thompson .....May Boley
Flagler .....Richard Stanley
Flo .....Dorothy Howe
Joe Butler .....John Hartley
Ruth Devoe .....Janet Waldo

Paramount did a really remarkable piece of work when they decided to dramatize Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's book "Persons in Hiding," for with the world-wide reputation this master fighter of crime enjoys as the Chief of the American Federal Bureau of Investigation, there was little chance of his plot and details being minimized in the film version of the story, which came to the Nanking Theatre yesterday and was more than appreciated by large crowds.

Invariably crime thrillers have a certain "sameness" about them, but this present picture is most definitely out of the rut and is fine entertainment, thrills galore being presented. Briefly, the story concerns the manner in which a beautiful young woman employs her voluptuous charms and talents to build a one-time small crook into a No. 1 Public Enemy type of gangster merely in order to satisfy her craving for money and the things that money will buy. She plans crime after crime, with varying degrees of success, her extraordinary foresight and faith in her lover-criminal being such as to justify the brilliant efforts that emanate from her skilful brain. But the F.B.I. eventually swing into action and though they take time to track their quarries, there is no gainsaying the fact that once they secure the slightest clue, "it's "goodnight" for the criminals. And so it is in this instance, a feminine vanity finally proving disastrous to the girl.

Honours are shared by Mr. Lynne Overman, as the detective in charge of the case, and Miss Morison, a lovely newcomer, who convincingly portrays the role of the gangster leader. Mr. Overman, with that droll, whimsical style for which he is justly famed, has never been seen to better advantage and the way in which he manages to introduce a comic relief into an otherwise purely "crime" picture, is a tonic.

A short, a cartoon and a newsreel complete a well balanced programme that is well recommended.—F.A.P.

"Some Like It Hot"

Nicky Nelson .....Bob Hope
Lily Racquet .....Shirley Ross
Gene Krupa and His Orchestra
Flo Saunders .....Una Merkel
Stoney .....Rufe Davis
Stephen Hanratty .....Bernard Nedell
Bass Fiddler .....Wayne "Tiny" Whitt
Piano Player .....Harry Barris
Sailor Burke .....Frank Sully
Mr. Ives .....Clarence H. Wilson
Sam .....Dudley Dickerson
Weems .....Richard Denning

What is a jitterbug? A jitterbug is.....Well, if you really want to know, pay a visit to the Cathay Cinema where as good an explanation as any is provided in the current attraction "Some Like it Hot." In this nonsensical musical, garrulous Mr. Bob Hope is supported by Miss Shirley Ross and a whole orchestra directed by Mr. Gene Krupa, which certainly sends it out hot enough for jitterbug fiends. Highlights of the film are Mr. Hope's inimitable humour, his amazing efforts at repartee, two jitterbug sequences—not unlike one of these mass wrestling bouts—and the film's songs, excellently rendered by Miss Ross. The plot of the film deals with the vicissitudes of a bankrupt showman, none other than Mr. Hope, who talks his way out of one scrape into another.

In support are a Betty Boop cartoon, the latest Paramount and a musical comedy "Hold that Ball."—R.S.

Britain Denounced By Journal

Chungking Paper Declares Formula Irreconcileable With League Resolutions

Chungking, July 26.

A bitter denunciation of Britain's attitude at the Tokyo conference was contained in a leading article in this morning's "Chungking Joint Daily News."

The journal published the text of the Anglo-Japanese Agreement, and also the statements thereon by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, and Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary.

Analysing the agreement, and also Mr. Chamberlain's statement, the paper declares:—

"What the Japanese forces in China aim to accomplish is quite clear to Britain.

"If Britain gives her assistance, and grants facilities to aggression and atrocities, at least the British Government has no moral principles or conceptions of justice.

Bandit Analogy

"If our home has been robbed by bandits, and members of our family killed and injured, and then our neighbour informs the bandits that he notes their special requirements, and undertakes to prevent members of his household from interfering with the activities of the bandits,' what will we think about our neighbour?"

"If you want to know China's reaction to Mr. Chamberlain's statement, there it is.

"Even if our neighbour has no legal obligation to assist us, and if he encourages the bandits, but at the same time declares he has not changed his policy of friendship towards his neighbour, what will be our reaction?

"So long as the League of Nations is not dissolved, its resolutions are not just waste paper.

"We hope we are not day-dreaming when we recall the repeated resolutions adopted by the League, in which Britain participated, and which she supported.

"Effective assistance to China and refraining from acts prejudicial to the objectives of the Japanese forces in China are quite opposite to one another.

Complications Foreseen

"Such an attitude not only weakens China's power of resistance, and increases her difficulties, but brings about further complications and difficulties in the international situation.

"We hope that Mr. Chamberlain was sincere when he gave an assurance that the declaration did not connote a change of British policy in China.

"We do not doubt his sincerity, which, however, should be proven by his attitude at the formal Tokyo conference, and also by his actual acts."

In conclusion, the paper endorses General Chiang Kai-shek's speech, in which the latter appeals to the Chinese nation to exert its own efforts, and not to rely on others in the present war of resistance.

Indicative of Chinese feeling here is the remark made by one Chinese Government official, who stated:—

"If any British friend should invite me to dinner, I simply could not accept his invitation."—Reuter.

U.S. Isolationism Blamed

Britain Impelled to Reach Tokyo Accord From Lack of Backing

London, July 26.

British political circles today blamed the United States for forcing Britain to come to an agreement with Japan on Japan's special position in the Far East.

United States public opinion on England's move was widely discussed and featured in the newspapers, but observers pointed out that Britain was obliged to seek a settlement with Japan when it became evident that the United States would not support Britain in the Far East.

Britain, they said, is not only facing Japan alone in the Far East but has been deprived even of indirect support in Europe as a result of recent neutrality legislation on the embargo of arms and munitions.

The Anglo-Japanese negotiators at Tokyo were understood to have agreed to appoint a fact-finding commission to decide whether there is any anti-Japanese activity among the Chinese living in the British Concession in Tientsin at present.—United Press.

Isolationism Blamed

London, July 26.

Great Britain would have welcomed the co-operation of the United States in her approach to Japan, but the United States is in the grip of a wave of isolationist sentiment, declares the "Daily Mail" in an editorial today.

America, adds the newspaper, is keeping out of entanglements in both the West and East. This is shown by the rejection of President Roosevelt's proposals for a "cash and carry" clause in Neutrality legislation designed to help the Democracies.

It is emphasized by the poor progress made by Senator Key Pittman's bill to impose an arms embargo against Japan.

The influence of President Roosevelt, the "Daily Mail" asserts, is waning as he nears the end of his second term, and opposition to all his policies is becoming stronger.—Reuter.

British Naval Recruits Called Up

London, July 26.

The first group numbering 500 youths who expressed the desire to accomplish their period of compulsory service in the Navy have received instructions to present themselves at the Royal Marines recruiting depot in Devonport on August 16. They will serve six months in the navy before being returned to civilian life.—Havas.

Rumania, Bulgaria Give Huge Order to Italy

Rome, July 26.

Rumania and Bulgaria are reported to have placed huge orders for rolling stock in Italy. The value of the Rumanian order is said to be 152,000,000 lire, and that of Bulgaria 100,000,000 lire.—Reuter.

U.S. Should Support Chinese Dollar

British Aid Alone May Not Be Sufficient

London, July 26.

The Chinese currency situation loomed large in "The Times" this morning, a lengthy article being devoted to this problem by the City Editor.

"It had been feared," he says, "that the Anglo-Japanese discussions in Tokyo might be concerned directly with the Chinese currency problem and that the Japanese might press for some kind of agreement on this subject. Evidently, it proved possible to keep currency matters outside the discussions and the formula agreed upon leaves complete freedom of action in that sphere.

"Even those who are most expert in the Chinese financial and economic problems feel the greatest doubt as to what would be the proper course to pursue in the immediate future. For the moment, pressure on the Shanghai Dollar has abated and the market is inclined to think even that some recovery is possible. But the problem remains formidable and there are many who consider that if confidence in the Chinese Dollar is to be fully restored, assistance will have to be substantially on a larger scale than was envisaged when the Stabilization Fund was originally established. Some are inclined to take the view that the task of securing the stability of the Dollar is too great for this country to undertake further in the absence of American co-operation."

U.S. Should Assist

"It would seem almost self-evident," the writer concludes, "that there must be in the best interests of the United States to co-operate in this matter, for it is only by a reasonable stability of the dollar that American trading interests can be preserved. So far, there has been surprisingly little sign that such co-operation will be forthcoming. If further support is contemplated, whether with the Help of the United States or without it, the fullest account must be naturally taken of the fundamental economic forces which are weakening the position of the dollar."—Havas.

Malaya Cuts Down Japanese Imports

Trade Figures Reveal Effectiveness of Boycott

London, July 26.

The Chinese in Malaya have been imposing a successful boycott against Japanese goods, a report from the British Trade Commissioner in Singapore published here today by the Department of Overseas Trade revealed.

Total imports into Malaya of merchandise from Japan fell from Str. $40,482,000 in 1937 to Str. $12,426,000 in 1938.

"Japanese coal imports were practically halved," the report stated. "Only one third of the previous year's imports of cement was taken. Asbestos went down from 1,229 tons to one single ton. There was a similar decline in textiles from Japan. The value of cotton yarn and manufactures was reduced from Strs. $7,416,000 in 1937 to Strs $2,787,000 last year. That of woollen goods declined from Str. $652,000 to Str. $218,000, and that of silk and silk manufacturers from Str. $3,492,000 to Str. $1,021,000."—Havas.

Demand for Hua Hsing Notes in Nanking

Nanking, July 26.

Seeking to alleviate the congestion at its counters, the Hua Hsing Commereial Bank yesterday authorized three Chinese exchange shops to convert national dollar notes into Hua Hsing money.

Following the recent rapid decline of the Chinese national dollar, the bank has been kept busy converting dollar notes into its own currency. —Domei.

Two Explosions at King's Cross Station

London, July 26.

Two explosions occurred at King's Cross Station today, causing considerable damage.

Seven persons are known to have been injured by the explosions, which are believed to be the work of the Irish Republican Army. Scotland Yard is at present investigating into the outrage.—Havas.

Pope Urges World to Look to Church

Rome, July 25.

The Pope referred to the international situation today in replying to an address of homage from the new Polish Ambassador to the Vatican. His Holiness said that "the more individuals and groups attribute to physical force an undeserved destructive primacy over sacred notions of right, the more indispensable becomes educative wisdom and mother love of the Church."—Reuter.

Vatican Bans Book By D'Annunzio

Rome, July 25.

Gabriele D'Annunzio's posthumous work, "Solus ad Solem," has been placed on the Index by the Holy Office.—Reuter.

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Chungking Voices Disappointment

Anglo-Japanese Formula Regarded with Doubt by Chinese Government

Chungking, July 26.

The Chinese Foreign Office announced last night that the Chinese Government "cannot conceal its disappointment at the attitude" adopted by he British Government in negotiations with Japan in Tokyo last week.

"It is exceedingly regretted," the announcement said, "that the British Government should have seen fit to note the so-called special requirements of Japanese forces in China which are engaged, as Britain herself, along with other member states of the League of Nations, has declared, in an inavsion of aggression against this country.

"It is also surprising that the British Government should have undertaken to make it plain to British authorities and British nationals in China that they should refrain from any acts or measures prejudicial to the attainment of the objectives of the invading Japanese forces."

Premier's Statement Lauded

The announcement said the Chinese Government noted with satisfaction the statement of the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who declared in the House of Commons this week that it would be impossible to change the policy of the British Government at the dictation of any other Power. The Chinese Government also was said to be encouraged by Mr. Chamberlain's declaration that the Arita-Craigie agreement reached in Tokyo did not connote any change in Britain's policy in China—a policy based on "treaty and justice as well as Britain's own rights and interests to which she has heretofore so consistently adhered and carried out."

The announcement said Britain "need scarcely be reminded of the pledge she made under various League resolutions to refrain from taking any action which might have the effect of weakening China's power of resistance and thus increasing her difficulties in the present conflict and also to make all measures of aid to China as effective as possible."

Confidence Retained

The announcement said the Chinese Government "confidently believes, despite misgivings to which the announcement of the Tokyo formula has given, that the British Government will take an attitude consistent with her legal and moral obligations toward China in dealing with the so-called local issues in Tientsin, and show by action and firmness her policy concerning the situation created by Japanese aggression in this country."—United Press.

American Pastor Freed By Bandits in Holy Land

Jerusalem, July 25.

The Rev. Gerald Goldner, an American clergyman who has been held for ransom by bandits in the hills between Bethlehem and the Dead Sea since July 20, has been released. He arrived here today.

Mr. Goldner was waylaid while on a tour of the Holy Land with his father, the Rev. Jacob Goldner, who was released earlier and ordered by the bandits to arrange a ransom of £10,000.

It is definitely stated that no ransom was paid for Mr. Gerald Goldner, although a small reward was given the Arab negotiators who established contact with the kidnappers on Monday morning after a week's untiring efforts on the part of the American Consul-General and the Director of the Y.M.C.A.—Reuter.

Burma Railway Ordered Finished in Year

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek Wants Work Speeded Up

Chungking, July 26.

Completion of the Yunnan-Burma railway before the end of the current year has been personally ordered by General Chiang Kai-shek. The entire line is 530 miles in length.

The work of construction on this very important railway, which links south-west China with the outside world, was started last Christmas, and is progressing rapidly from both ends.

No less than 100,000 workers are engaged on the line, the estimated cost of which is $100,000,000, in addition to expenditure on material and equipment purchased abroad.

Mr. Tu Cheng-yuan, Director of the Chekiang, Kiangsi, Hunan and Kwangsi railways, is now supervising the construction of the railway, the director-general of which is Mr. Tseng Yang-fu, former Vice-Minister of Railways and Mayor of Canton.—Reuter.

HER FACE WAS "A PERFECT SIGHT"

Eczema Sufferer's Frank Letter

There is an unusual frankness about this letter from a woman who was once a victim of disfiguring eczema. Other sufferers who are looking for a remedy for this unpleasant complaint will be interested in what she writes:—

"I am forty-six years old, and I have suffered very badly from eczema. My face was a perfect sight. Now there is not a spot to be seen. I had tried other remedies but they did me no good, so about a year ago I thought I would try Kruschen Salts, and I am more than pleased with the result. I continue to take the daily dose every morning in hot water. I cannot speak too highly of them."—(Mrs.) S.

Eczema is frequently caused by impurities in the blood—irritant poisons which sluggish body organs are failing to expel from the system. Kruschen Salts is Nature's recipe for maintaining a condition of internal cleanliness. The six salts in Kruschen stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels to function properly, so that all blood impurities are regularly and completely eliminated.—ADVT.

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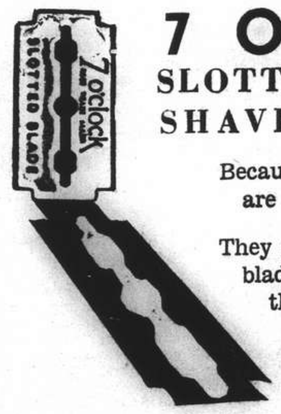
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Money & Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4⅛	$ 56.47
U.S. $100 @ 8¼	$1,212.12

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4⅛	$ 53.33
U.S. $100 @ 8⅛	$1,134.75
London—demand	4⅛
4 months' sight credits	4⅛
4 months' sight docts	4⅛
6 months' sight credits	4⅛
6 months' sight docts	4⅛
New York—demand	U.S. $8⅛
4 months' sight credits	8⅛
4 months' sight docts	8⅛

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling	4⅛ U.S. $8⅛
Hongkong/London	1/2⅛

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 8¼	$1,212.12
Hongkong $28⅛	$ 100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders	Buying 16½
Java Guilders	16½
Netherlands Guilders	Selling 16
Java Guilders	„ 16

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying	U.S.$100=$1,142.857	£1=$53.333
Selling	U.S.$100=$1,212.121	£1=$56.471

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.63½=$1 Belgas 27.45=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 1.64=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.38½=$1
Tourist Lire 1.82 =$1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 21½
$100=U. Mark 46.00
$100=Reisemark 36½
incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 4⅛	Lowest	4⅛
U.S. $	8¾		8⅞
Yen	—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING		BUYING
	Cash	July	
£ T.T.	4⅛	4 m/s. l.c.	4⅛
$ T.T.	8⅞	4 m/s. l.c.	8⅝
Fcs. T.T.	319	4 m/s.	325
Rs. T.T.	24¼	15 d/s.	25

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	16⅝	16¼
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	45.01	—

Bombay offtake 100 bars.

London silver was 1/16 down for ready and ⅛ down forward, being 16⅝ for ready and 16¼ forward. New York was unchanged at 34¾ and Bombay was 9 annas down at 45.01.

It was reported India and the United States trade bought and sold. Bears covered at the decline. Market quietly steady. After the official fixing the market ruled dull. There were Indian offerings at the fixed rate but no business was done.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4⅜ sterling and 8⅛ U.S.$.

The Interbank market was erratic and uncertain. Opening with nominal sellers for near at 4⅛ sterling and 8¾ U.S.$ there was a steady decline to 4¼ and 8⅛ before any interest was taken by sellers, after which buyers became scarce and the market recovered to 4⅛ and 8⅛ with some business done at 4 7/16 and 8⅝ for cash. Later the market was stagnant and rather easy closing with reluctant sellers at:—

4⅜ sterling	8½	U.S.$	July
3⅞ „	7½	„	Aug.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay, Rupee T. T. on: July 25.

Japan	78¾	London	1/5⅞
New York	286¾	2 mths	
Shanghai	28	„ (sellers)	1/5⅞
Hongkong	84	„ (buyers)	1/5⅝

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.18	Shanghai	4¾d N.
Paris	176.71	Bombay	1/5⅛
Berlin	11.66¾	Hongkong	1/2⅛
Amsterdam	8.75⅛	Singapore	2/4½
Brussels	27.55½	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	59.03	„ (buying)	Unq.
Milan	20.74½	C'slovakia	137.12
Berne	4¼d N.	N.—Nominal	

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.13	Japan	27.32
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	9.05
Holland	53.48½	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.64⅛	C'slovakia	Unq.
Brussels	16.99¼	Hungary	19.75
Italy	5.26⅛	Rumania	0.72
S'zerland	22.57½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.12½	Greece	0.85⅞
Norway	23.53	Bulgaria	1.20
Denmark	20.90½	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.900	Poland	18.84
Brazil	5.10		

London	4.68⅛
„ Demand	4.68
„ Bankers' 60 days bills	4.67
„ Commercial 60 days bills	4.67
Buenos Aires paper	29.04
Buenos Aires paper, market rate	23.15
Montreal on London	4.68⅜

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: July 25.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0¾%
Bank Bills	6 months	1¼%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	3¼%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¾%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0¾%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0¾%B 1%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

July 26.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing	p.m. Closing
Antamok	.235	.245
Atok	.215	.22
Balatoc	7.40	7.00
Batong Buhay	.013	.013
Benguet Consolidated	10.40	10.90
Big Wedge	.22	.23
Coco Grove	.265	.275
Demonstration	.105	.11
I X L	.43	.45
Masbate	.125	.125
North Camarines	.265	.275
Sam Mauricio	.92	.95
Surigao Con. Com.	.24	.245
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	.225	.23
Suyoc	.16	.155
United Paracale	.44	.41

Turnover: 145,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (closing prices) 88.35.—Reuter.

Soviet Gold Said For London

Riga, July 25.

An airplane belonging to the Swedish-Russian commercial air company arrived here from Moscow today with 30 bars of gold on board. This gold, it is learned, is being transferred to western Europe, in all probability to London.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The Rubber Regulation Committee at their meeting on Tuesday fixed the quota for the fourth quarter of the year at 60 per cent. This had been expected, but their action in raising the July/September quota from 55 per cent. to 60 per cent. took the market by surprise and resulted in a drop of 1/32d. in London and 20 points in New York. The quota for the whole of the present year averages 55 per cent. The Committee in the past year or two have been very sound in their judgment and if they have seen fit to increase supplies it is fairly certain that they anticipate a continuation of consumption on a satisfactory scale. It may be mentioned that the Plantations have to date shipped some 30,000 tons in excess of their allotments and will have to make an adjustment at some time or other. From the point of view of the estates the increased quota will be very welcome: and the share market evidently took this view as it remained steady.

In the Industrial section there was an easier tendency to which, no doubt, the erratic movements of exchange contributed. There is also reported considerable liquidation of shares to meet exchange commitments maturing at the end of the month.

Official Averages

1939 High	1939 Low		Today's Averages	Change
180.73	105.32	General	160.07	−1.26
186.93	95.55	Rubbers	182.76	+0.60

Total 60,711 shares, 650 bonds.

Morning Session

$4,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$ 81.00
$28,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	80.50
$5,000	S. M. C. 6% Debs. 1926	$ 94.00
$1,000	S'hai Telephone 6% Debs.	$ 89.25
$27,000	Metro. Land 6% Debs.	70.00
500	S'hai Loan	6.00
500	S'hai Loan	6.10
1,000	S'hai Land	9.00
200	Wheelock	31.00
600	S'hai Telephone	12.80
600	S'hai Telephone	12.70
500	S'hai Telephone	12.60
200	Tram (Bearer) £1	43.50
600	Tram (Bearer) £1	43.25
500	Tram (Bearer) £1	43.00
200	Tram (Bearer) £1	42.75
200	Tram (Bearer) £1	42.50
50	S. W. W. "A" £20	760.00
500	Metal	5.40
500	Metal	5.20
800	Kaiping	41.50
800	Kaiping	41.75
200	Kaiping	42.00
200	Kaiping	41.75
100	Kaiping	41.50
1,800	Kaiping	41.75
2,000	Exploration	6.00
120	S'hai Power (Pref)	120.50
60	S'hai Power (Pref)	120.00
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.80
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.60
100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.50
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.40
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.30
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
2,100	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
1,500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.20
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
200	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.20
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.00
700	Ewo Mills (Ord)	19.10
1,500	Anglo Java	22.00
200	Anglo Java	22.25
9,000	Batu Anam	1.05
500	Bute	6.00
5,000	Chemor	1.52
3,000	Chemor	1.51
1,500	Consolidated	5.50
3,000	Kota	3.50
4,00	Kroewoek	1.58
1,000	Kroewoek	1.57
100	Langkat	13.20
3,000	Repah	0.80
1,000	Semambu	0.91
100	Sumatra	14.70
500	Sumatra	14.80
1,000	Sua Manggis	1.85
3,000	Tebong	1.12
700	Ziangbe	16.00
200	S. W. W. "B"	29.50
800	S. W. W. "C"	29.50

ODD LOTS

25	Anglo Java	$ 22.00
220	Exploration	5.95
76	Langkat	13.20
50	S'hai Gas	9.80
500	Chemor	1.50
300	S'hai Land	9.00
300	S'hai Land	8.90

London Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, July 25.

After initial hesitancy, brighter and slightly more active conditions prevailed on the London Stock Exchange today, owing to Paris support for Kaffirs and oils, together with local buying of industrials, where many gains were recorded.

Rubber shares advanced, following the International Rubber Regulation Committee's decision to increase the export quota for the third and fourth quarters to sixty per cent.—Reuter.

	July 24	25
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£92⅜	92⅝

JAPANESE BONDS

Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	33½	35½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	37	39

Osaka, July 26.

Kogo 5%	Y.104.80

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

Allied Ironfounders	17/6	17/6
Armstrong Stevens	5/9	5/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/4½	40/7½
Austin Motors, ord.	30/-	30/-
Bristol Aeroplane	18/3	18/3
British American Tob.	91/10½	92/6
Cable & W., new form	50½	51¼
Courtaulds	30/3	30/1½
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/1½	7/1½
Distillers	95/3	95/9
Dunlop Rubber	27/6	28/6
General Elec. (Eng.)	74/1½	74/7½
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	106/-	106/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	16/9	16/9
Imp. Chem. Indus.	29/7½	28/6
Imp. Tobacco	131/10½	133/1½
Leyland Motors	93/9	94/4½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	58/10½	59/7½
Pressed Steel, com.	18/6	18/9
Rolls-Royce	101/10½	101/3
Smethwick Drop Forgings	14/9	14/9
Tate & Lyle	62/10½	62/7½
Turner & Newall	79/4½	79/6
United Steel	23/3	23/3
Vickers, ord.	18/6	18/3
Woolworths	64/6	64/9

MISCELLANEOUS

Anglo Dutch	22/4½	22/9
Rubber Ptn. Inv. Trust	26/9	27/6

MINES

Burma Corp.	7/6	7/6
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invest.	14/6	14/7½
Randfontein Ests.	36/10½	36/1½
Sub-Nigel	211/3	212/6
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d.	4½d.
Western Holdings	11/4½	11/4½

OILS

Anglo Iranian	75/-	75/-
Burmah	71/10½	71/10½
Mexican Eagle	7/6	7/7½
Shell Trans. & Trad.	82/6	84/4½

CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.

4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£40	40
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	33	33
4½% Anglo-French Loan	38	38
5% Crisp Loan, 1913	19½	19½
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	28½	28½
5% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	12	12
5% Hukuang Rly., 1913	13	13
5% „ „ (Gen. Is.)	12	12
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	12	12
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	13	13
5% T'sin-Pukow Rly. B.	12	12
5% „ „ G.	12	12
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	12	12
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	12	12
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	12	12
S'hai Elec. Construction	22/6 N	22/6 N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	26⅞ N	26⅞ N
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	6½	6½
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	76½	78
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	77½	77½
Chinese Eng. & Min.	16/9	16/9
Chosen Corp.	4/9	4/9
Perlin Syndicate	1/9 N	1/9 N
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	16/10½	17/-

N—Nominal.

New York Stocks

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, July 25.

Losses ranging from fractions to one point were recorded on Wall Street today. Business indices continue to improve, but some traders were disposed to accept profits on the theory that stock values may have caught up with business generally. Steels, after ruling firm, wilted under realizing, despite further indications of increasing activity. Utilities showed resistance, on indications of a milder attitude on the part of the Government. Meanwhile, sentiment is being aided by prospects of Congress adjourning next week. The volume of trading was good, amounting to 1,230,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	145.72	142.83	143.10	−1.08
20 Rails	30.33	29.63	29.69	+0.01
15 Utilit.	26.42	25.83	25.95	+0.12
40 Bonds	—	—	90.18	+0.10
11 Commod.	—	—	47.25	+0.22

	July 24	25
Adams Express	8⅝	8⅝
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	19½	19⅝
Allied Stores	9¾	9⅝
Allis Chalmers	37½	37
Aluminium Ltd.	131¼	130¼
Amerada Corp.	64	—
Amer. Can	*96½	96½
Amer. & For. Power	2½	2¾
„ $7 pfd.	19⅝	20¼
Amer. Gas & Elec.	37¼	37¾
Amer. Locomotive	19⅛	19½
Amer. Metal	30½	30¾
Amer. Radiator	12⅞	12¾
Amer. Rolling Mill	15⅝	15
Amer. Smelting	46⅝	46
Amer. Sugar Refining	16¾	16¾
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	166¾	167⅝
Amer. Tobacco "B"	85¼	85¼
Amer. Waterworks	11⅛	11¼
Anaconda Copper	26¾	26¾
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	29¾	29⅞
Auburn	—	—
Baltimore & Ohio	5⅜	5½
Barber Asphalt Corp.	14⅛	14
Barnsdall Oil Co.	14	13⅝
Bendix Aviation	25⅛	25¼
Bethlehem Steel	63½	63½
Bliss (E.W.)	10¾	10¾
Boeing Airplane	23⅝	23⅜
Borg Warner	26	25¾
Briggs Mfg. Co.	23¼	23
Eklyn-Manhattan Trans.	13⅜	13⅝
„ $6 cum. pfd.	44¼	44½
Can. Pacific Rly.	4⅛	4¼
Case, J.I.	77⅛	77¼
Celanese Corp.	26	25⅞
Chase Nat. Bank	B 32¾	B 32½
Chesapeake & Ohio	36	35¾
Chrysler	83¼	81⅞
Colt's Patent Fire-Arms	81	B 80
Columbia Gas & Elec.	7	7¼
6% "A" pfd.	*86	B 85
Comil. Credit	49	48¾
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1½	1½
„ $6 cum. pfd.	68⅝	69
Consolid. Edison	32¾	32⅝
Consolid. Oil	7⅞	7⅞
Continental Can	*38⅜	38½
Continental Oil	21¾	21⅞
Corn Products	62¾	61½
Curtiss Wright (com.)	5⅜	5¼
„ „ "A"	25⅜	25⅜
Deere & Co.	20¾	20½
Distillers Corp.	18¼	18⅜
Douglas Aircraft	72½	71
Du Pont de Nemours	158½	157
Eagle Picher Lead	9⅜	9½
Eaton Mfg. Co.	25½	26¼
Elec. Auto Lite	35½	35
Elec. Bond & Share	9¾	9¾
„ $5 pfd.	58½	59
„ $6 pfd.	69	69
Elec. Pwr. & Lt.	30	30⅝
Flintkote	21⅞	21⅝
Food Machinery Corp.	34⅝	33½
Gen. Amer. Trans.	54	52½
Gen. Elec.	38¾	38
Gen. Motors	47⅝	47⅝
Gen. Rly. Signal	19	19
Gen. Tire & Rubber	23½	23⅛
Glidden Co.	18¾	19
Goodrich (B.F.)	19¼	19¼
„ $5 pfd.	68	68½
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	31¼	30¼
Great Nthrn. Iron	15	15
Great Nthrn. Rly.	26⅞	25¾
Great Western Sugar	26	26
Greyhound Corp.	18⅞	18¾
Hecker Products	12¾	12½
Hercules Powder	74	73½
Homestake Min.	63⅛	63⅜
Indus. Rayon	27	27
Int. Harvester	58⅛	56
Int. Nickel	49¾	49¾
Int. Tel. & Tel.	7¼	7¼
Johns Manville	81⅞	80½
Jones & Laughlin	B 46⅜	B 46½
Kennecott	37⅜	36⅜
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	51¾	51⅞
Lockheed Aircraft	27	26⅞
Loew's Inc.	45¾	46
Manhattan Shirt Co.	13¾	13⅜
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	35⅝	34¾
McKesson Robbins	B 17¾	B 17¾
Monsanto Chemical	103⅞	104¾
Montgomery Ward	54½	53⅛
Nat. Cash Register	20½	20
Nat. City Bank	B 25½	B 25¼
Nat. Dairy Products	17½	17½
Nat. Distillers	26	26
Nat. Gypsum	13⅝	13⅞
Nat. Lead	23	22¼
Nat. Power & Lt.	9⅛	8⅞
Nat. Steel Corp.	66¼	67¼
Nat. Supply Co.	9	9⅛
New York Central	15⅞	15¾
Niagara Hudson Power	7	7⅛
North Amer. Aviation	16⅛	16⅛
North Amer. Co.	23⅞	24
Northern Pacific	9⅝	9⅝
Owens-Illinois-Glass	67¾	67
Pacific Gas & Elec.	32¾	33
Pacific Lighting	49⅜	49¾
Packard Motors	3⅝	3½
Paramount Pictures Inc.	10	10
Pennsylvania R.R.	19⅛	19
Phelps Dodge	40⅛	39⅞
Phillips Petroleum	36¾	36½
Public Serv. of N.J.	39¼	39½
Pullman, Inc.	29½	28⅞
Pure Oil	7⅜	7¼
Radio Corp. of Amer.	6⅜	6¼
Reading Co.	B 23	23½
Remington Arms Co.	B 2¾	B 3
Republic Steel Co.	18¼	18⅜
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	*39¼	39½
Richfield Corp.	7⅛	7¾
Safeway Stores	45¾	45
Schenley	13⅝	13½
„ 5½% cum. pfd.	—	75½
Sears Roebuck	79¾	79
Seversky Aircraft	3⅜	3⅞
Shell Union Oil	11¼	11⅛
Socony-Vacuum	11⅝	11¾
Sthrn. Pacific	15⅛	15
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	25¼	25¾
Sperry Corp.	44⅝	44¼
Stand. Brands	6¾	6⅞
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3	3
Stand. Oil of Calif.	26¾	26⅝
Stand. Oil of N.J.	43½	42⅝
Stone & Webster	12⅞	12½
Swift International	27⅜	27⅜
Technicolor	16	16½
Texas Corp.	37½	37⅛
Texas Gulf Sulphur	30	29⅞
Transamerica	5⅝	5⅜
Tlw. Century Fox	20⅝	20⅝
„ pfd.	30½	30
Un. Carbide & Carbon	82¼	81½
Un. Pacific	100¼	81¼
Un. Aircraft	38¾	38⅛
Un. Air Lines Trans.	13⅛	12⅜
Un. Corp.	3	3
„ $3 cum. pfd.	37	37¼
Un. Gas Corp.	2	1⅞
Un. Gas Improvement	13½	13⅜
U. S. Rubber	46½	45⅝
„ 8% pfd.	110	109¼
U. S. Steel	53¼	53½
Vanadium	24⅜	24½
Warner Bros. Picts	5½	5½
Westinghouse Elec.	109⅞	107
Woodward Iron	B 19½	19¾

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	62⅛	62¼
Brazil	14¾	16
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	20¼	21½
Cities Serv.	85⅛	86⅜
Erie R.R.	10½	10¼
Int. Tel. & Tel.	67½	67½
Minas Geraes	9⅛	10
New England Gas	71⅞	71
Peru	B 9	8½
Rio Grande do Sul	B 9½	B 9¾
Sao Paulo	B 7¾	B 8¼
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	47	47¼
Stand. Gas & Elec.	66⅜	67

WEEKLY CLOSING STOCK

	July 18	25
Air Associates	B 7½	B 7
Alaska Juneau	7⅝	7½
Amer. Brake Shoe	43½	42
Ass. Gas & Elec.	8¾	B 9
Altan. Gulf & W.	B 11¼	13
Atlan. Refining	20¾	20
Atlas Corp.	8⅞	9
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅞	7
Bank of America	B 37	B 36⅞
Bellanca Aircraft Corp.	7¾	7½
Borden Co.	21½	21½
Chesapeake Corp.	23	B 22
Chic. & North Western	0⅜	3⅛
Comi. Solvents	10⅞	12⅜
Consolid. Aircraft	20½	20½
Consumers Pwr. $4.50 pfd.	100⅞	100½
Corn Products	B 171¼	B 174¾
Coty, Inc.	3¾	4
Coty International	1⅝	2
Crane Co.	23½	24½
Delaware & Hudson	17¾	17⅞
Dist. Corp.	B 85	87½
Elec. Boat Co.	11¼	11⅜
Elec. Power & Lt.	8⅜	9
Elec. Storage Battery	29¾	29¼
Freeport Sulphur	22¼	23½
Gen. Cigar	21¼	21½
Gen. Foods	*45⅞	45¾
Gen. Mills	90½	98
Granby Consolid. Min.	6½	7⅛
Int. Dept. Stores	11½	11⅜
Lorillard	23½	23¾
Masonite Corp.	42½	43
Mountain City Copper	4⅜	4⅛
Mueller Brass	24½	24¼
Nash Kelvinator	6⅞	7⅛
Nat. Power & Lt.	85½	B 87⅝
Patino Mines	8¼	7¾
Sthrn. Cal. Edison	*27¾	27¾
Sthrn. Rly.	17¾	17⅞
Sterling Produs.	79⅜	79
Texas Pacific Land	7⅛	7¼
Tidewater Ass. Oil	12⅛	12
Timken Detroit Axle	15⅝	15
Un. Biscuit	18¾	18½
Un. Light & Power "A"	1½	B 1⅝
U. S. Pipe & Fdry.	45	45¼
U. S. Realty & Imp	2½	2
U. S. Smelt.	51¼	53½
Westinghouse Air Brakes	23⅞	23½
Yellow Truck & Coach	17	16⅝
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	41⅛	42¾

WEEKLY CLOSING BOND

	July 17	24
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate	B 26	28½
Argentine	77½	76½
Bethlehem Steel	104¾	104⅞
Brooklyn-Manhattan	77	78⅞
Chic. Milwaukee	7¼	6⅞
Columbia Gas & Elec.	103	103
Denver & Rio Grande	B 9⅛	B 9
Elec. Power & Lt.	78¾	78
Mortgage Bank	B 26⅛	B 26⅛
Nat. Power & Lt.	103	104½
„ Dec. "A"	110	110¼
New England Power	98½	99½
New York, Chic.	61	B 62
Oklohama	106	105
Oslo	100⅜	B 100½
Republic of Colombia	26⅜	26
Republic Steel	93	93⅜
Sthrn. Rly.	72	72½
Studebaker Conv.	89½	90

B—Bid *Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices advanced today to new highs since mid-March during early trading, but thereafter realizing produced irregularity. The demand for steels was an early feature. London stocks gained slightly. The international situation appeared to be better. The volume of trading was heavy.

By Courtesy of S. E. Levy & Co.

Explanations offered for the rise were: the surprising gain in steel operations; failure of the Works Progress Administration's strike; the better European picture; and, a possible early end of the General Motors' strike. Semi-annual earning statements are far better than expected, and higher dividend payments may result from them.

Stocks are now tending to respond to good news, such as Duponts, Westinghouse Electric and Johns Manville, which responded to their fine second quarter earnings.

Business news continues to be favourable: paper board and textile industries are expanding operations.

Another cotton goods buying movement has materially strengthened the position of this industry. Steel bookings are up sharply, and operations are reaching a new year's peak. The upturn is due solely to American factors, inasmuch as the London market is stagnant.

Brokers' loans are the lowest since July, 1938, and show that idle money rather than surplus credit is going to work.

Behind the market's rise are cheap money, rising earning power and climbing business activities. Until these factors deteriorate, it is hard to see how stocks are to become less attractive.

Barron's Index, adjusted for trend, is placed at 71.0.

The lessening tension in Europe and Asia, combined with the continuance of favourable earnings reports, is giving the market a further impetus under the leadership of aviations, motors and merchandising issues. We expect a gradual broadening of the advance into other groups.

U.S. Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

New York, July 25.

The cotton market early advanced on the steadiness of Liverpool and Bombay cables, combined with new buying and covering. Later prices further moved up on reports of good exports and the firmness of spots. Closing conditions were strong and active, with prices finishing from 12 to 19 points up.

Prices in the market for raw rubber futures declined on the announcement of the International Rubber Regulation Committee fixing the quota for the third and fourth quarters at 60 per cent. However, some factory buying was noticeable on the scale down. Closing quotations ranged from 17 to 21 points down.

Wheat in Chicago presented a steadier appearance. Some mill demand and reports of good exports imparted a better tone to the market. At the final bell, gains from ⅝ to ⅞ of a cent were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Oct.	8.93-93 +19	Sept.	16.48-48 −20
Dec.	8.81-82 +19	Dec.	16.57-57 −17
Jan.	8.69 N +19	Mar.	16.58-60 −18
Mar.	8.45-55 +18		B/A
May	8.43-44 +12	May	16.60-62 −21
July	8.34-34 +13		B/A

New York Sugar No. 4		New York Silk	
Sept.	1.20½-21½ −½		
	B/A	July (No. 1 Con.)	
Mar.	1.16½-17½ −1	2,69B-72A	−3½
	B/A		

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
Sept.	61⅜-61¼ +⅜	Sept.	38⅛-38¼ −¾
Dec.	62⅞-62¾ +⅝	Dec.	39½-39⅜ −⅝

Winnipeg Wheat		
Oct.	50⅜-50½	+¼
Dec.	52⅛-52¼	+¼

B—Bid. A—Asked.

British Commodities

Tuesday's Closing Quotations

London, July 25.

Amongst commodities, rubber eased on the announcement of the increased quotas. Wheat ruled firmer on reports that the British Government might store further supplies in Canada.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 6 5/16 −⅛; sellers 8⅜ −⅛; Aug. delivery, buyers 8 5/16 −⅛; sellers 8⅜ −⅛.

London Sugar (buyers): Aug. 7/1½ +½; Dec. 6/2¼ +¼; Mar. 6/3¼ +¾.

Liverpool Wheat: July 3/5⅝ +⅜; Oct. 3/8¾ +⅜; Dec. 3/11⅛ +⅜.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: July 4.73 −1; Sept. 4.42 unc; Oct. 4.34 −1; Nov. 4.29 −1. Egyptian Futures: July 6.19 +3; Sept. 6.19 +3; Oct. 6.18 −1; Nov. 6.23 −1.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £43 +⅛; 3 mths sellers £43 5/16 +⅛; Copper, Electrolytic, buyers £48¾ unc; sellers £49½ unc; Tin, Stan. cash, sellers £230 unc; 3 mths sellers £225 −¼; Lead, For. official price, sellers £14⅞ +⅛; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £14⅛ +⅛; Spelter, Ord. official price, sellers £14⅝ +⅛; 3 mths delivery, official price, sellers £14⅝ +⅛.—Reuter.

Rubber Quota Fixed At 60 Per Cent.

Mincing Lane Disappointed; Little Change for Market

London, July 25.

The International Rubber Regulation Committee today fixed

FROM DAY TO DAY

THE winning numbers of the B.F.R.C. Raffle are 6, 111 and 233.

THERE will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Bubbling Well Chapel today at 10 a.m.

DR. and Mrs. Ed. Birt are leaving today in the ss. Hoten Maru for Tsingtao for their summer holiday and expect to return about September 10.

MR. Aubrey Hillaly of the Shanghai Stock Exchange arrived yesterday in the ss. Kaiping after a holiday spent with his family at Peitaiho Beach.

MR. L. Britton, Oriental Manager for R.K.O. Pictures, and Mrs. Britton returned to Shanghai in the ss. Empress of Canada on Tuesday after a trip to the United States.

OFFICIAL confirmation was forthcoming of a report that Sir Thomas Inskip, Secretary for the Dominions, will pay a visit to Newfoundland. He will leave England on September 21.

MR. Chen Hui-min, "Magistrate of Hangchow," has been condemned to death by the Japanese military authorities after he fell into disgrace as a result of delinquency, says a Chinese report to the "Shun Pao."

A GROUP of Siamese students who are taking part at present in a German-Siamese summer camp near Kiel, arrived in Hamburg and toured the port and other sights of the city. A reception was held at the town hall in honour of the guests.

SPECIAL crates have been perfected in Brisbane for the flying of oysters to Singapore. They permit oysters to be flown for a distance of 4,800 miles and to arrive as edible as at the moment they were taken from the waters.

THE Tokyo Government's decision to conclude a treaty of amity and a cultural agreement with Hungary was approved yesterday by the Privy Council. It also approved of the Government's decision to abolish the Japanese Legation in Albania.

HEAVY material damages have been caused by the continual rising of the Han River, especially in the Yokou-Tienmen sectors, says an Ichang Chinese report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The river in the Yokou-Tienmen sectors has risen by over 10 feet, the report adds.

VICTOR R. Butts jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Butts, arrived on Tuesday in ss. Empress of Canada and will spend a month here with his family. He will then return to Canada to attend the University of Toronto, word having been received yesterday that he had passed Senior Matriculation Examination as set by the Province of British Columbia.

INCLUDED in the eight films entered by Japanese motion picture firms in the International Film Show to be held in Venice in August will be "The Shanghai Special Naval Landing Party." Mr. Junzo Sato, delegate to the meet of the Japanese International Society for Cultural Relations, has announced Stefani News Agency reported.

COTTON imported by local cotton mills from the United States, Brazil, Egypt and India during the first quarter of this year, was valued at $26,580,000, thus doubling the figure for the whole year of 1938, says a report to the "Sin Wan Pao." Foreign cotton continues to be in great demand among local cotton mills, in view of the fact that Chinese products are unobtainable owing to communication difficulties, the report adds.

IT has come to the notice of the Public Health Department that hawkers are conducting a house-to-house campaign attempting to sell to housekeepers an unlabelled margarine which they claim to be butter. The matter is being investigated by the Public Health Department with a view to prosecution. The public is warned against the danger of purchasing such products from hawkers instead of from reputable retailers.

THE hereditary Prince of Mysore, with his consort, four children and a retinue of 50 persons, arrived in Naples on board the Conte Biancamano on Tuesday. This is the first visit to Europe the Prince has paid since 1913. The Prince will spend about ten days in Naples and then visit other parts of Italy and afterwards France, Switzerland, England and Germany from where he will go to North America. Their luggage consists of 500 bags and cases.

EXAMINATIONS for the 7th group of candidates to the scholarship offered by the Sino-British Boxer Indemnity Refund Committee, were concluded on Tuesday simultaneously in Shanghai, Kunming, Yunnan, Hongkong and Chungking, says a report to the "Shun Pao." Over 90 students sat for the examination held in Shanghai, the results of which are expected to be made public in the early part of August, the report adds.

DR. Leighton Stuart, president of Yenching University in Peiping, is expected to leave Chungking for Hongkong en route to Peiping via Shanghai in the next few days, following the completion of his business, says a Chungking Chinese report to the "Shun Pao." Dr. Stuart expressed gratification over the work of the university in an interview yesterday. There are more than 900 students of both sexes now enrolled at the university, the report states.

THE programme for he orchestral concert to be given in French Park, on Thursday, July 27, from 9 to 11 p.m. (weather permitting) is as follows:—

Second Suite "Arlesienne" .....Bizet
Pastorale
Intermezzo
Menuet
Farandole
Sarabande .....Debussy
Cortege .....Debussy
Violin-Solo: Prof. A. Foa
Suite "Algerienne" .....Saint-Saens
Prelude
Rhapsodie Mauresque
Reverie du Soir (Klida)
Marche Militaire Francaise
Overture "Mignon" .....Thomas
Excerpts from Ballet "Sylvia" ..Delibes
Valse Lente
Pizzicati
Grand Selection from Opera "Manon" .....Massenet
Conductor: Maestro Mario Paci.

Helen Keller Receives New "Seeing Eye"

Helen Keller, famous deaf, dumb and blind lecturer, affectionately fondles Kanzan Go, a shaggy "barkless" dog presented to her by the Japanese State Department to replace a similar dog which died two years ago.

Dr. Koo Issues Protest Against Arita-Craigie Agreement

Chinese Envoy in Paris Voices Apprehension; Tokyo Accord May Be No More Than Compromise

Paris, July 25.

A SHARPLY-WORDED statement protesting against the Craigie-Arita agreement in Tokyo was published here today by Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to France and chief delegate to the League of Nations. This communiqué, issued at the Chinese Embassy, bases its strong protest on the grounds that the Tokyo accords are not consonant with the Nine-Power Treaty, the League Covenant, the resolutions adopted in the past by the League or the report drawn up by the Brussels Conference of November, 1937.

The statement further declares that the accords reveal "a spirit of surrender on the part of Britain which is detrimental to the general cause of peace," but Dr. Koo admits that the agreement may prove merely a compromise to permit the opening of negotiations proper on the Tientsin dispute. And he voices the hope that Chinese apprehensions will be found unwarranted in fact.

He asserts that the Craigie-Arita accord is "an unpleasant surprise to China," and that, on the face of it, the agreement makes no differentiation between Japanese aggression and Chinese self-defence.

"Britain appears to be disposed to give a free hand to the aggressor to the sure detriment of the victim of aggression. Britain seems to have forgotten, at least for the time being, her solemn undertaking to China embodied in the international instruments that I have just mentioned," Dr. Koo declares.

The instruments were the Nine-Power Treaty, League Covenant, League resolutions and Brussels Conference report.

The agreement, he adds, "betrays a spirit of surrender on the part of Britain.

Tientsin Incidents Recalled

"When one recalls the brutal acts committed by the Japanese militarists at Tientsin against British nationals singled out for such treatment from among the foreigners, one marvels at the complacence with which the British Government has abandoned its firm stand on the principles adopted at the beginning of the Tientsin incident.

"It is a curious reply to the deliberate searching, stripping and slapping of British men and women innocently seeking to cross the borders of the British Concession in Tientsin —acts which the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, himself described as 'intolerable indignities.'

"It seems," Dr. Koo continues in his statement, "that Britain has once more bowed to force and has swallowed her pride."

The Chinese envoy proceeds to voice fears for repercussions of the agreement on the general cause of peace.

"Certain it is that it cannot be expected to deter aggression or promote confidence in the efforts which the British Government is now making to build up a peace front against aggression in Europe," he says. "Its apparent disposition to accommodate aggression in the Far East may prove to be a boomerang."

Possibility of Compromise

On the other hand, he admits that the preliminary agreement may be a mere compromise aiming to smooth out difficulties impeding the opening of negotiations proper in the Tientsin dispute.

"Its significance in that case will depend upon the manner in which it is implemented by the negotiations now taking place and by its application to developments in China in the future.

"Action speaks louder than words. "It remains to be seen then whether the new agreement really marks the beginning of a new policy on the part of Britain towards the Far East in general and China in particular.

"I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that the apprehensions which are now generally entertained in China regarding the real British intentions as revealed in the new agreement will be found unwarranted in fact," Dr. Koo states in conclusion.—Havas.

Pootoo Occupied By Japanese

Sailors Landed on China's Sacred Island

Pootoo, a scenic island where hundreds of Chinese Buddhist pilgrams went each year before the hostilities, has now been taken by the Japanese practically without fighting, it is admitted by a Chinese report. The occupation of the famous island will shock many Buddhists throughout the country for it is one of the most sacred places in China. Big temples on the island have branches in Shanghai.

The recent fall of Tinghai and Shengkamen has forced people there to go to Pootoo, east of Chushan Island, but within the jurisdiction of the Tinghai District Government. The population on the island was suddenly increased and the business enjoyed quick development.

The tranquillity was suddenly broken early on Monday morning when two Japanese war vessels reached the island and landed more than 200 men by means of steam launches. They first machine-gunned making the forest their target because they thought that there might be guerillas hiding there. Only one farmer was said to have been killed, however.

In order to avoid making "meaningless" sacrifices the militiamen retreated to the mountains waiting for a better chance to attack, it is stated. After making extensive searches the Japanese stationed themselves in two big temples, the Pu Chi Shih and Pao Ban Tang. Assigning only about 70 men to guard the island most of them have returned to their vessels.

Peace Conference in Shanghai Urged

Wang Ching-wei's Paper Asks Him to Convene It

Showing the trend of the peace movement led by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the ousted former deputy chief of the Kuomintang, the "Chung Hwa Jih Pao," which is generally considered to be his mouth-piece yesterday published a telegram urging him to hold a conference in Shanghai with a view to depriving General Chiang Kai-shek of his power.

After the conference, it is suggested, the National Government should be revived in Nanking and an army trained. A peace agreement should be reached with the Japanese so that Japan may withdraw her forces in China by instalment. After the withdrawal the policy of fighting communists will be carried out.

The peace agreement should be signed on the basis of friendship with Japan, joint suppression of communists and economic co-operation. The telegram was stated to have been sent by the Federation of the Overseas Chinese.

It was not clearly mentioned as to who will attend the conference suggested to be held in Shanghai. It is presumed that they will be representatives of the Kuomintang who support Mr. Wang.

The same paper recently published also many other telegrams supporting Mr. Wang but the above mentioned one suggested a concrete programme. The other telegrams mostly came from "puppet" officials and Chinese bodies in Japan.

Trawlers to Be Used As Mine-Sweepers

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, July 26.

The Admiralty, according to reports in Hull and Grimsby fishing circles, has entered into a contract with local trawler owners to purchase 86 modern steamtrawlers for use as minesweepers. The Admiralty had no statement to make on the matter last night.—Reuter.

Machine-Gun Marvel Perfected in England

London, July 26.

This morning's newspapers describe a new type of military weapon which was demonstrated yesterday at a Birmingham factory before Mr. E. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply. The new gun, which is known as the "Besa" machine-gun, can be fired with extraordinary rapidity. It will be supplied to the infantry, tank corps, air force and anti-air raid detachments. — Trans-Ocean.

CALCIUM UNDER CONTROL AN IMPORTANT CHAPTER IN PEDIATRIC.

Doctors from all parts of the world assemble yearly at large medical congresses to discuss the most recent discoveries and advances. These meetings are of great importance to the general public. At a Congress held this year at Wiesbaden, a problem of general interest was discussed, i.e. rickets.

Rickets is a very common disease. It is largely due to deficiency of sunlight. In the winter, especially when the healing power of the sun is less potent, about 50 per cent. of all children in the affected areas develop symptoms of the disease. It was eventually recognised that the condition was due to shortage of a certain vitally important vitamin. Following this discovery, chemists and physiologists were quickly able to advance a step further. They showed that the disease would appear in small children if there is a shortage of a precursor of the vitamin which is known as ergosterol.

In nature, this substance is found in considerable concentration in the yolk of eggs, in certain fresh vegetable fats and especially in yeast and cod liver oil. In man it occurs in the skin in appreciable amounts, particularly in the sebaceous glands. The mere presence of ergosterol is not sufficient to ensure safety, for this substance must be in a certain effective form. This active form is only brought about when ergosterol is exposed to ultra-violet rays, as for example in bright sunlight. If not irradiated in this way the substance is of no value whatsoever, for the vitamin proper is only formed therefrom after a lengthy period of exposure. It is known as vitamin D and its function in the body is to regulate calcium metabolism. If it is not present in adequate amounts, the symptoms of rickets will inevitably develop. The wall of the intestine will not absorbe sufficient calcium and the bones are unable to make proper use of the quantities that reach them. They thus remain soft and bend under the weight of the body. Deformities of the legs, the spine and in fact of all the bones may follow, as well as malformation of the dental enamel.

Another symptom in children is known as spasmophilia or "teething convulsions" as the condition is popularly described. This name has been used because the attacks frequently occur at the cutting of the first teeth. Attention has also been drawn to the fact that symptoms frequently develop in the spring, hence the laternative term "spring fits." Children are less frequently subject to those ailments during the summer months, and if affected at this time it is likely that the condition has been caused by a shortage of sunlight. In the great cities, rickets is not uncommon in the summer, since the dust and the smoke hanging over them prevent the ultra-violet rays of the sun from reaching the body in sufficient quantities.

The injuries traceable to rickets, which are widespread among the population, may be noted up to an advanced age, in fact they may be apparent throughout life. Rickets is responsible for 42 per cent. of all cases of undue fragility of bones. The mortality following pneumonia is six times greater in rachitic subjects than in those not suffering from the disease. Doctors bear a great responsibility in respect of rickets since the condition is frequently encountered and yet difficult to identify in the early stages. Any mothers who are doubtful concerning the possibility of rickets in their children should not hesitate to take them to the doctor immediately, for the condition may be present even when the diet is adequate and every care has been taken. The varied deformities which may occur are usually permanent and not susceptible to any treatment. If proper medical attention is obtained sufficiently early, much subsequent damage may be avoided.

At one time it was necessary to prescribe vitamin D in the form of cod liver oil for lengthy periods in order to obtain adequate results. Today, a few drops of the finest crystallised vitamin D, as found in "Vigantol," will suffice to satisfy the needs of the body. By this more modern treatment the necessary accessory food stuffs are conveyed to the patient, thus not only preventing but also curing rickets.

In this connection the inestimable importance of the synthesis of vitamin D becomes apparent, with which the names of Steenbock, Windaus, and the Bayer Laboratories are inextricably allied.—ADVT.

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Kaiping	C'wangtao	K.M.A.
Livatho	Funing	Yung Yuan
Kanto M.	Japan	O.S.K.
Grasshopper	Cruise	—
Myoken M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Essi	Hongkong	F.S. Godfrey
Erica Moller	Keelung	Mollers
Toba M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Talien	Tsungming	Wan Woo
Daichu M.	River Ports	N.K.K.
Shanghai M.	Japan	N.Y.K.
Liesel	T'lungkong	Chin Dah
Klangting	T'lungkong	Foo Hwa
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Romolo	Liuho Point	V. Chieri
H. Kiangnan	Hupukow	S. Guenter

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Glaucus	Br.	B.&S.
Liesel	Ger.	Chin Dah
Luise	Ger.	Keh Lee
Sandro Sandri	Ital.	Tai Ping
Wulin	Br.	B.&S.
Heini	Ger.	G.F.E.
Sinkiang	Br.	B.&S.
U.S.S. Pope 225	Am.	—
Leesang	Br.	Jardine
Elsa Essberger	Gre.	D.K.K.K.
Taiyo M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Erling Brovig	Nor.	S.V.O.C.
Rothley	Br.	Jardine
Sirdhana	Br.	Mackenzie
Emp. of Canada	Br.	C.P.R.

Post Office Notices

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

THURSDAY, July 27.	Per		Reg.	Ord.
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*20.00	7.15
Tsingtao and Dairen	Hoten M.		*20.00	7.15
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Shuntien		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	Hukuken M.		*20.00	7.30
Aust. N.Z. and Manila ..	Afrika		13.00	14.00
Hongkong and Canton ..	Afrika		13.30	14.00
Ninghsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai	Mohlenhof		19.30	20.00
Hongkong	Kingyuan		19.30	20.00
FRIDAY, July 28.				
Tsingtao	Huashan M.		8.30	9.00
Swatow and Hongkong ..	Esang		9.00	9.30
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Kaiping		14.30	16.00
Chinwangtao	Kaiping		15.30	16.00
Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Triton	AX	15.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton ...	Triton	X	15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Ninghsien Yungkia etc. via Chinhai	Tembien	X	19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, July 29.				
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Shengking		7.30	8.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong	Kaying	B	—	—
Hongkong and Haiphong .	Kaying		20.00	20.00
Tsingtao and Dairen	Tsingtao M.		20.00	20.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, Egypt, E-Soudan, Holland, Germany and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 28th.
B Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 29th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per ss. Afrika, on July 27, at 1 p.m. for registered and at 2 p.m. for ordinary due Marseilles August 6, London August 7.
Pan American Airways Service per ss. Afrika, on July 27, at 1 p.m. for registered and at 2 p.m. for ordinary due San Francisco August 9.
Air France per ss. Corfu, on July 31, at 8 p.m. for registered and Aug. 1, at 7.15 a.m. for ordinary due Marseilles August 11, London August 12.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Bandoeng-Amsterdam) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m. Mails for America may be sent on July 27, by air mail to Japan for connection with ss. Empress of Asia leaving Yokohama on July 29.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 12.00, at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 11.30 a.m.
Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.
Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kweichow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west to Hongkong for the Hongkong-Chungking plane.
Peiping, Tientsin, Tsinan, Tatung, Kalgan, Shanhaikwan, Tsingtao and Tungshan by the planes of the Chung Hua Air Transport Co. daily at 9.30 p.m.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Mar. Joffre, via Suez, July 31, due London Aug. 31.
P. Coolidge, via Pacific, July 31, due London Aug. 30.
Corfu, via Suez, Aug. 1, due London September 2.

Weather, Time and Tide

Thursday, July 27, 1939 (11th day of 6th moon) — SICCAWEI

	July 25 16.00	July 25 21.00	July 26 4.00	July 26 9.00
Barometer inches	29.59	29.65	29.64	29.69
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.05	+0.05	+0.05	+0.06
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	0.00	+0.02	+0.05	+0.04
Wind (direction)	ENE	ESE	ESE	ESE
" (miles per hour)	8.7	7.4	5.0	12.4
Temperature (Fahr.)	84.0°	77.9°	77.2°	83.1°
Humidity %	81	98	96	86
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	7	9	8	6
Rainfall inches	0.02	0.05	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report July 25	Mean 1939	24 hrs. variation	66 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	29.62	+0.04	29.68
Temp. Min. 71.°8 Max. 89.°2	80.°5	+1.°6	81.°9
Total rainfall January to 1 midnight before last (inches)	29.04	0.09	27.35

Time and Tide	27/7	28/7	29/7	30/7	31/7
Sun rises at Shanghai ..	5.06	5.07	5.08	5.09	5.09
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.54	18.53	18.53	18.52	18.52
Moon rises at Shanghai ..	15.42	16.31	17.17	17.57	18.35
Moon sets at Shanghai ..	1.34	2.23	3.15	4.07	5.00
Flood makes Shal. 6 to 18	7.15	8.13	9.05	9.50	10.20
Ebb. makes Shal. 6 to 18	11.20	12.57	13.30	14.15	15.07
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	9.05	10.04	10.55	11.25	12.04
Ht. above LTW. (feet) ..	7.90	8.13	8.90	11.02	11.20

Vessels Discharging

GLAUCUS. From New York arrived on July 23, and is discharging her cargo at Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" are further requested to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weight of such cargo whilst being landed. Free storage period expires on August 2, 1939. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Saturday, July 29, at 10 a.m. Claims must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival. No insurance effected. Butterfield & Swire, Agents. 27-7

SIRDHANA. The British-India S. N. Co.'s s.s. Sirdhana, from Calcutta and Ports —This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Pootung Wharf on Monday, July 31, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 27-7

WASGENWALD. From New Orleans, Port Arthur, Houston, Galveston, Yokohama and via Ports.—This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Shanghai and Hongkew Pootung East Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai, No. 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709 27-7

BURGENLAND. From Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Genoa, via Ports. —This vessel is now discharging all her cargo, at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf, subject to the usual terms and conditions as shown on the Wharf Tariff. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of "Bulk" cargo are further requested to send their representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst being landed. Damaged cargo will be examined at the Wharf on July 29, 1939, at 9.30 a.m., by the Surveyors, Tesdorff, Hannig & Co. No examination will be made after this date. All claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen days after the vessel's arrival. Claims sent in after this period will not be recognized. No Insurance will be effected. Hamburg-Amerika Linie Filiale Schanghai No. 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 27-7

GROOTEKERK. The H.E.A.L. s.s. Grootekerk from Bremen, Hamburg, Antwerp, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Genoa arrived on July 25, and is discharging her cargo at the Holt's Wharf, Pootung. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at Wharf and Godowns to be borne by consignees. All claims against this steamer must be sent in within 10 days after arrival otherwise they will not be recognised. Damaged cargo will be examined at above Wharf by Messrs. Scurr, Tanner & Co., on Monday, July 31, at 9.30 a.m. It is necessary to produce Bills of Lading also Shippers Invoice at the examination. Java China Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Gengeral Agents: Holland-East Asia Line, 133 Szechuen Road. (Tel. Nos. 16247 (4) Lines). 28-7

URSULA RICKMERS. This steamer having arrived from Antwerp and Hamburg via Ports, is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are kindly requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo. Damaged goods will be surveyed by our appointed surveyors on July 29, at 9 a.m., Messrs. Tesdorpf, Hannig & Co. All claims against this steamer must be presented within fifteen days after vessels arrival, or they will not be recognised. No insurance effected. Rickmers-Linie, m.b.H., Hamburg, Zweigniederlassung Shanghai, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 83308. 29-7

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From NEW YORK: Tweedbank, due early morning, Yangtszepoo Wharf.
From KOBE: Africa, due 8 a.m. Buoys 11-12.
From TIENTSIN: Esang, due daylight, Roosevelt Terminal
Shengking, due 9.30 a.m. French Bund.
From HONGKONG: Hunan, due 7.30 a.m. French Bund.
Kaying, due p.m. French Bund.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA			From MARSEILLES		
Eurylochus	17/6	12/8	P. Doumer	8/7	5/8
Perseus	27/6	18/8	Aramis	21/7	18/8
Theseus	15/7	5/9	Terukuni M.	27/7	25/8
Philoctetes	25/7	15/9	**From TRIESTE**		
From COPENHAGEN			Fusijama	20/6	9/8
India	3/6	13/8	Himalaya	20/7	6/9
From OSLO			**From GENOA**		
Tricolor	17/6	12/8	Victoria	13/7	7/8
Talleyrand	19/7	11/9	**From PORT SAID**		
From HAMBURG			Scharnhorst	21/7	10/8
Regensburg	24/6	31/7	Hector	19/7	17/8
Augsburg	10/6	3/8	Aramis	25/7	18/8
Elbe	22/7	27/8	Glenaffaric	19/7	19/8
From BREMEN			Rajputana	26/7	20/8
Oldenburg	13/6	3/8	**From SUEZ**		
Ramses	27/6	22/8	Suwa M.	21/7	15/8
Kulmerland	11/7	2/9	Perseus	18/7	18/8
Nordmark	25/7	14/9	Ramses	21/7	22/8
From ROTTERDAM			**From BOMBAY**		
Saarland	24/6	9/8	Nagpore	7/7	30/7
Scharnhorst	12/7	10/8	**From COLOMBO**		
Formosa	8/7	19/8	Victoria	27/7	7/8
Kulmerland	20/7	2/9	Fusijama	13/7	9/8
Taileyrand	25/7	11/9	Tricolar	24/7	12/8
From ANTWERP			Gaasterkerk	23/7	12/8
Glenogle	27/5	31/7	**From CALCUTTA**		
Glenbeg	10/6	8/8	Shirala	13/7	6/8
Gaasterkerk	19/6	12/8	**From PENANG**		
Glenaffaric	24/6	19/8	Somali	26/7	6/8
Glenapp	8/7	4/9	Carthage	27/7	6/8
Meerkerk	24/7	16/9	Saarland	25/7	9/8
Denbighshire	22/7	16/9	Eurylochus	25/7	12/8
From GLASGOW			**From SINGAPORE**		
Ajax	17/6	7/8	Nagpore	17/7	30/7
Hector	1/7	17/8	Hakozaki M.	23/7	31/7
Menestheus	15/7	1/9	Regensburg	23/7	31/7
From LIVERPOOL			Augsburg	22/7	3/8
Mentor	17/6	30/7	Oldenburg	23/7	3/8
Tantalus	6/7	16/8	P. Doumer	27/7	5/8
Teiresias	15/7	2/9	Shirala	27/7	6/8
Menestheus	22/7	1/9	Ajax	27/7	7/8
From LONDON			Glenbeg	25/7	8/8
Hakozaki M.	23/6	31/7	**From COERABAIA**		
Somali	24/6	6/8	Tjinegara	14/7	31/7
Carthage	30/6	6/8	**From MANILA**		
Suwa M.	7/7	15/8	Grete Maersk	24/7	31/7
Rajputana	14/7	20/8	P. Coolidge	26/7	31/7
Terukuni M.	21/7	25/8	Thurland C.	21/7	3/8
Bangalore	22/7	4/9	**From HONGKONG**		
Glenapp	21/7	4/9	See "China Ports" below.		

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From SAN FRANCISCO		
Robinhood	9/6	30/7	Silverlaurel	12/7	11/8
Thurland C.	13/6	3/8	Adrastus	20/7	19/8
Lexa Maersk	24/6	7/8	Tatuta M.	27/7	23/8
Silverlaurel	23/6	11/8	**From VANCOUVER**		
Tai Ping Yang	30/6	12/8	Talthybius	12/7	6/8
C. of E'ville	16/6	13/8	Emp. Russia	22/7	7/8
Adrastus	28/6	19/8	**From HONOLULU**		
Anna Maersk	10/7	25/8	Pres. Taft	20/7	2/8
C. Prince	11/7	26/8	Asama M.	15/7	7/8
Irisbank	6/7	27/8	**From HONGKONG**		
Steel Trader	10/7	6/9	See "China Ports" below.		
Sophocles	25/7	9/9	**From YOKOHAMA**		
C. of Lille	17/7	14/9	Corfu	25/7	1/8
From SAVANNAH			Rheinland	26/7	2/8
Anna Maersk	15/7	25/8	**From KOBE**		
C. Prince	14/7	26/8	Triton	14/7	29/7
From LOS ANGELES			**From NAGASAKI**		
Pres. Taft	10/7	2/8	Shanghai M.	29/7	30/7
Asama M.	7/7	7/8	**From KEELUNG (Formosa)**		
Lexa Maersk	15/7	7/8	Tyosa M.	31/7	2/8
Tai Ping Yang	17/7	12/8			
P. Cleveland	24/7	16/8			
Tatuta M.	24/7	23/8			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MELBOURNE		
Ruys	19/7	26/8	Tanda	5/7	10/8
From DURBAN			**From RABAUL**		
Ruys	15/7	26/8	Tanda	23/7	10/8

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			From HONGKONG		
Tsingtao M.	26/7	28/7	Yochow	27/7	30/7
From TIENTSIN			Mentor	25/7	30/7
Taiseunhong	23/7	28/7	Fausang	27/7	30/7
Taksang	23/7	29/7	Tjinegara	26/7	31/7
Hoihow	28/7	31/7	Grete Maersk	27/7	31/7
Yatshing	28/7	31/7	Kiangsu	27/7	31/7
Kwaisang	29/7	2/8	Glenogle	21/7	31/7
Wingsang	30/7	3/8	Yusang	27/7	1/8
From TSINGTAO			Wosang	31/7	2/8
Shantung	26/7	28/7	India	24/7	13/8

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Empress of Canada, July 25, from Pacific Ports: Mr. L. & Mrs. Britton, Mr. Chung-Ko-Chang, Mr. B. P. & Mrs. Dillon, Mr. W. A. Fowler, Mr. E. M. & Mrs. Geibel, Mrs. Kan-Chan Kwei-Chee, Mr. G. A. Smith, Mr. R. D. Smith, Mrs. Wong, Miss P. C. Dillon, Miss B. M. Taylor, Mr. F. M. Apollony, Miss L. Cooper, Mr. E. S. Jacob, Miss K. Johnson, Mr. H. Maxwell, Miss M. Spenlding, Mr. Ton Gwa Dok, Mr. S. M. Touketchinsky, Mr. S. R. Schass, Mr. H. R. Roberts, Mr. L. MacLaine, Mr. R. M. T. Young, Mrs. C. Fedoroff and 1 child, Mr. G. F. Whipps, Mrs. H. Kinoshita, Master S. Ichiji, Miss C. Blais, Mr. V. R. Butts, Rev. C. S. Dunker, Miss M. & Miss C. Francis, Mr. M. Gabriel, Mr. J. Galston, Capt. C. E. Poole, Mr. G. F. Staynes, Mrs. R. D. Wolcott, Mr. A. Adroudsky, Mr. A. & Mr. M. Bent, Miss F. Cashon, Mr. M. Galtman, Mr. J. F. Holy, Mr. A. Miyoshi, Mr. Rosold, Rev. L. L. Fairfield.

Per Kaiping, July 26, from Chinwangtao: Mr. Huang Feng Chi, Miss M. K. Harrop, Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Galdan, Mr. A. Hillaly, Mr. & Mrs. Galdn, Mr. W. A. S. McMurtrir.

DEPARTURES

Per Leesang, July 26, for Tsingtao: Mr. F. S. Hatton.

Per Empress of Canada, July 26, for Hongkong: Mr. F. S. O'Neill, Mr. M. Roxas, Miss L. L. Roxas, Mr. C. L. Shoppe, Mr C. S. Gubbay, Mrs. M. Nissim, Mr. & Mrs. E. Reyes, Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mrs. A. Noble, Mr. G. Tauber, Mrs. A. A. Keyser, Miss E. Westendorf, Miss L. S. Hammond, Mr. I. J. G. Walle, Mrs. J. Rackusen Mr. N. Keshavji, Mr. B. Reyes, for Manila: Mr. G. W. Rosenstock, Miss R. Moss. Miss E. Westerdorf. Miss A. E. Herbert, Miss S. Hayes, Mr. J. Shell, Miss A. E. Morris, Miss K. Hackney, Mrs. V. R. Bac

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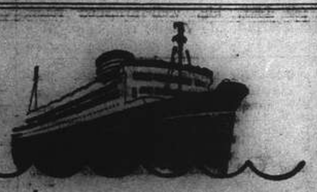

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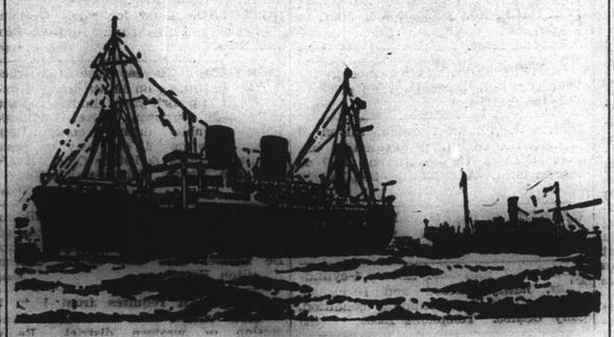

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Aug. 18	Aug. 21	Aug. 23	Aramis	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Aug. 29
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			Due Shanghai
ss. SAARLAND	Left Penang	July 25	Aug. 9
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ss. HOTEN MARU	July 25	July 27 at 9 a.m.
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ss. HOTEN MARU	Aug. 3	Aug. 5 at 9 a.m.
ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Aug. 6	Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.
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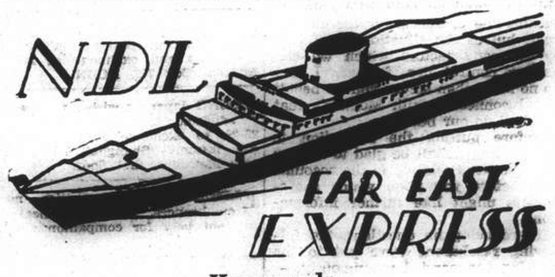

Homewards:
ms. REGENSBURG for Port Sudan, Malta, Marseilles, Casablanca, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen .. .. Aug. 16
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ms. ELBE for Port Sudan, Malta, Marseilles, Casablanca, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen .. .. Sept. 14
ss. POTSDAM for Genoa, Barcelona, Southampton, Rotterdam, Hamburg .. .. .. Sept. 20

Outwards:

ms. REGENSBURG	Left Singapore	July 23	Due S'hai July 31
ss. AUGSBURG	Left Singapore	July 22	„ „ Aug. 3
ss. SCHARNHORST	Left Port Said	July 21	„ „ Aug. 10
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In the Russian Colony

By "Strov"

If the question be seriously raised: what possession does the two-million-strong Russian emigration prize most dearly, the answer can only be one—the Russian woman. The Russian woman has attracted the attention of the world not only by her beauty and her unique spiritual characteristics. The Russian woman has conserved the Russian hearth outside of Russia, keeps together the Russian family, is from first to last faithful to the national covenants. She is not only a wife and a woman, she is primarily a mother. But it is not our aim here to sing a panegyric to the Russian woman, or the Russian family. Russians are the first to see not only the solemnity but also the humour in their lives. Thus it is said that "nearly every Russian emigré family has a dancing Irochka"—and all these Irochkas (and especially their mothers) are quite convinced that they will eventually blossom out into new Anna Pavlovas. They would not think if being satisfied with anything less.

There is prevalent a special type of optimism among Russians in emigration—an optimism born of lightheartedness, credulity and unconcern for tomorrow. Disappointed so bitterly in all their hopes with the outbreak of the Revolution, it would seem that Russians should look towards the future with a measure of scepticism. But, in their majority, Russians believe that in life major disappointments come only once. At one time the well-known humorist Teffi attempted to classify types to which emigration has given birth. First of all she noted the bustling and helpless genteel ladies or former days, who had to become ladies' maids. Then she described the "liar with distended nostrils," the lad who persistently patronizes everything within view, "the man who knows all," the professional businessman and the amateur one. There is another, rather nebulous type—the "aspiring woman;" but it is outside the powers of foreigners to understand her; she is a type that eludes even most of her own people. Yet another Russian trait is the love to speak in unbridled conceptions of their past.

Beauty Contests

There is the lady who regales her friends with accounts of how "on my grandfather's Name's Day we used to fatten 400 turkeys and stuff them with peacocks' liver." Or the house-painter told to whitewash your ceiling who, after completing his work, gravely asks you: "And, by the way, do you by any chance happen to know whether the Pope believes in Undecayed Relics?" Russians in emigration, furthermore, are very fond of roping in some "distinguished foreigner" and initiating him, willy-nilly, into the secrets and riddles of Russian life, and of holding forth on world topics in an "international gathering." But the most touching of all are their Beauty Contests—the election of "Miss Russia" in Paris, or the election of the Queen of Russian Beauty held in Buenos Aires or Tokyo. But that is a topic all its own.

Tragic Death

In connection with the tragic death of Mr. L. A. Kuznetsoff, a bookkeeper of the firm of Cathay Painters, one cannot help remarking that of late misfortunes dogged that young man. Son of the Ataman of the Amur Cossack Clan, he studied at the Khabarovsk Cadet Corps and during the evacuation from Vladivostok became victim of an explosion, this costing him his leg. Arriving in Shanghai with the Cadet Corps, he graduated in this city and was at once obliged to look for employment. He worked in the newspapers "The Shanghai Zaria" and, later, "Slovo," and subsequently entered the Cathay Painters where he occupied the post of accountant. In spite of his loss of a leg and general frailty of health, Mr. Kuznetsoff attracted attention by his exceptional diligence, and for two years found time to attend the evening courses of the Russian Business College. Ironically enough, only a month has passed since he finished this College and received the diploma of a Chartered Accountant.

Fall of Dollar

The fall of the Chinese Dollar is a severe blow to the pocket of the Russian Shanghailander. As 90 per cent. of them have no savings whatsoever, and as in their overwhelming majority they have not received salary adjustments in keeping with the rise in prices, Russians envisage a ruinous situation. Prices in stores and markets are soaring day by day, most small shops have already refused further credit, and the lodgings situation is catastrophical; it is alarming to think of what rooms—to say nothing of apartments—will cost next winter, and to what heights the price of coal will jump. But their humour does not abandon the Russians. The fall of the dollar, the rise in prices, the war with landlords—all these serve as themes for humourous verses and jokes appearing regularly and in liberal number in the Russian press. How to live, what to eat, with what to pay for gas, electricity, cigarettes? ask the humourists. The library subscription has long since been allowed to lapse, and vodka, cinemas and the Sunday dinner with friends have also been foresworn. Now one must deny oneself daily tiffins, or, at any rate, make up one's mind to eat and drink less, forget about morning coffee and in restaurants concentrate on macaroni and potatoes.

Reorganization of Emigres

The "Russian Voice," a newspapei published in the Wayside District, states that in the near future a complete reorganization of the administration of Russian émigrés will be carried out by order of the authorities. Russian emigration in Shanghai will be organized along the same lines as in Tientsin and Harbin. A special Russian representative will be appointed to the Nanking Reformed Government.

Mrs. O. V. Lembich, publisher of the "Shanghai Zaria," left for Japan on July 21, accompanied by her daughter. Mrs. Lembich plans to spend the summer season in Karatzu and to return here towards the end of August.

The number of Russian holiday-makers in Laoshan is increasing. The best villas cost about $300 per person, but there are also boarding houses where one can stay for half the price. The centre of the settlement is the sanatorium of Dr. Hohlatchkin. As is usual in summer, there are more women and children than men. In spite of the high prices, many Russians manage to live on $70 to $80 a month. The authorities do not subject holiday-makers to strict regulations. The latter are counted a profitable element and are therefore not subjected to taxes and not made to take part in demonstrations.

A meeting of the Academical Circle, formed by graduates of the Harbin University, was held recently. A talk on "Buddhism as Taught on the Island of Pootoo" was given by Mr. M. J. Shirovsky. This talk was all the more interesting as Mr. Shirovsky, being an artist, illustrated it with fine canvases of temples and monasteries in this sacred island where they bow before the Goddess of Mercy.

Russians in America

Recently returned from the United States, Mr. Shmulevsky tells that in New York he met many Russian Shanghailanders, among them Mr. N. N. Yakoonnikoff and Mr. A. V. Obolsky, both of whom are in the insurance business. The Shainin family is also in New York, but instead of their foodstuffs concern, now sell curios. Mr. S. A. Kriger, former Director of the Thrifcor Bank, resides in Washington and also trades in curios. The eldest daughter has graduated with honours from High School and received the right of free University education. Generally speaking, Russian children in American schools are in good books. Mr. Isakovitch, Mr. V. I. Dookin and Mr. Alexander Kantzler have settled down in San Francisco, the latter owning a factory of mineral waters, as in Shanghai.

Hooligans

The appearance on Avenue Joffre of boistering young men who indulge in hooliganism, has been noted of late. These young men, who are often intoxicated, attempt to provoke fights and pass uncomplimentary remarks about ladies.

Russians who have left for summer resorts in Manchoukuo report that due to the clashes at the Mongol border the summer-resorts along the Western railway line are not easily accessible, and people journeying there must receive a small collection of special papers. Those who have not marked the length of time they plan to stay in Manchoukuo are also apt to have unpleasantness with the authorities, while those who have marked the date of their departure from the country must leave by the date marked in their passports.

The Russian Boy Scouts Association in Shanghai have received the information that the Grand Duke Vladimir, head of the Romanoffs and the Keeper of the Throne, has taken under his patronage the organization of all Boy Scouts outside of Russia. The local representative of this association is Scoutmaster G. V. Radetsky-Mikulitch.

Barcelona

Mr. A. I. Malkoff, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, who has left on long leave to London, writes to friends here telling that he was one of the first passengers on the Gneisenau, (on which he was travelling) to see the city of Barcelona which recently went through the horrors of civil war. Much of what he saw in this city reminded him not only of Chapei after the 1937 bombings, but also of Russian cities during the Civil War.

Dr. A. A. Alekhine, the famous world champion chess player who visited Shanghai a few years ago and played against a number of opponents, is now travelling in South America. It is learned that he plans to settle down on the island of Trinidad.

General's Death

From Karaguevatz, Jugoslavia, comes the news of the death of Gen. N. T. Groudzinksy who was the oldest officer-instructor of the Khabarovsk Cadet Corps, having served there almost since the founding of this the only Russian military school in the Russian Far East. Gen. Groudinksy was, in spite of his years, full of energy and was fond of youth, although he was well known as a strict disciplinarian. He passed away at 80 years of age. Many of his former pupils are living in Shanghai, and all of them attended the requiem service held here.

Mr. P. A. Sukhatin, who founded the Russian Broadcasting Station here and to whose voice Russian listeners have got used over a period of seven years, is seriously ill. Mr. Sukhatin is one of the oldest members of the Sports Club "Sokol," of which he is a member of the Board of Trustees.

General Llano in Burgos

Deposed Leader Confers With General Jordana

Paris, July 25.

General Queipo de Llano, the well-known Spanish Nationalist "radio" General who was dismissed last week from his post of Commander-in-Chief of the Second Military Region, and concerning whose whereabouts there were many conflicting reports, is in Burgos.

He was received today by General Jordana, the Foreign Minister. After an interview lasting 20 minutes, General de Llano returned to his hotel.—Reuter.

Burgos, July 26.

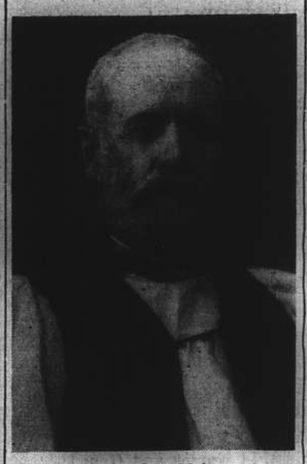
Gen. Gonzalo Quiepo de Llano, former high Nationalist military leader, stated here today that he has not split with Generalissimo Francisco Franco and that he expects to be appointed to an important diplomatic post abroad. "To me this is most important because in such a post it is possible to build up Spain's position through tightening and improving her international relations. It is the post to which I have been looking forward for a long time," he said. He smiled frequently and appeared happy over his forthcoming duties.

"I want the world to know that Gen. Franco and I are working together closely," he said. Whatever post he has for me, I am ready to undertake to do it to the best of my ability, but a post abroad is the post I have most wanted."—United Press.

U.S. to Conserve Oil For Defence Need

Washington, July 26.

In view of the vital part petroleum plays in national defence, President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Mr. Clarence Frederick Lea, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives, calling for legislation to provide for a national oil conservation policy. This is designed to prevent avoidable waste of oil and natural gas production.—Reuter.



Late Bishop Molony

Bishop H. J. Molony, former Bishop of Chekiang, whose death occurred in London a few days ago.

Moutrie & Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting

Substantial Profit Made On Year's Working; 8% Dividend Declared

The annual meeting of Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., was held on Monday, July 24, Dr. W. J. Isenman presided, supported by Messrs. K. G. Stephenson and K. E. Newman, directors. Shares present and represented totalled 486.

The chairman in his speech said:—

It is a pleasure to be able to report a substantial profit on the year's working amounting to $102,822.88 and, if you approve of the Board's recommendations as to the disposal thereof, the company's balance sheet will disclose a position that may justifiably be described as sound.

You will note that it is proposed to pay a dividend of 8 per cent. which absorbs only a comparatively small proportion of the amount standing to the credit of profit and loss account. In considering this matter, due attention must be paid to the necessity of conserving liquid funds in view of the additional working capital required to finance the business, and to ensure an adequate reserve of stocks in the face of a seriously depreciated dollar. Furthermore, your directors are of the opinion that the shareholders' interests are best served by the adoption of a most conservative policy when considered in the light of the unsettled conditions by which we are surrounded.

Investments

Since the closing of the accounts, as many of the Company's Investments as were readily saleable have been disposed of, and although a small loss has resulted, it is adequately covered by the Investments Reserve which you authorized at our last annual meeting. Advantage has also been taken of an opportunity to sell, at a satisfactory price, a small portion of our ground at Baikal Road which was in excess of our requirements.

In reviewing the year's working, attention must be drawn to the ill-effects on the company's business of the Sino-Japanese hostilities which have continued throughout the year. The territory surrounding Shanghai and in the Yangtze Valley, which in normal times accounts for a substantial proportion of our orders, is temporarily completely lost to us and we can only look forward to the time when these districts will be reopened, which should be accompanied by a renewal of the demand for our instruments from the schools and missions which in the past were amongst our best customers. The unsettled conditions in China have also had serious repercussions on our business in Malaya where our manager, Mr. Waters, reports that the large numbers of Chinese resident in that area have been remitting surplus funds to their home country thereby denying themselves the luxury of our products.

Tientsin Branch

Our Tientsin branch has also experienced a very difficult year and full credit must be given to Mr. Canning, our manager in that city, for showing a profit not only on the past year's working, but also for the three months to June 30 this year.

Our factory at Baikal Road has experienced a satisfactory year, the number of pianos manufactured being the highest since 1923, and our thanks are due to Mr. Hepburn and his staff for their excellent work and for maintaining the high quality for which Moutrie instruments are famous.

In conclusion, I should like to be able to sound an optimistic note regarding the prospects for the current year, but as the situation is affected by so many factors which we can neither control nor foresee, I can do no more than assure you on behalf of all connected with Moutrie's that we shall do our best.

Before putting the resolution to the meeting I shall be glad to answer any questions relative to the accounts now before you upon which shareholders might like further information.

There being no questions, the following resolutions were put to the meeting and carried unanimously:—

Resolutions

That the report and statement of accounts for the year ended March 31 1939, as presented, be accepted and passed. Proposed by Mr. W. J. Isenman and seconded by Mr. K. E. Newman.

The Dr. W. J. Isenman be re-elected a director of the company. Proposed by Mr. E. Lester Arnold and seconded by Mr. K. E. Newman.

That Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews be re-elected auditors to the company for the ensuing year, at a fee to be arranged. Proposed by Mr. K. G. Stephenson and seconded by Mr. A. C. Remedios.

Jewish Doctors Restricted In Slovakia

Pressburg, July 26.

The number of Jewish physicians was restricted in Slovakia by decree yesterday. The number of Jewish doctors who are allowed to practice will be limited to four per cent. of the total number of physicians registered in Slovakia on June 30, 1939. Physicians registered on that date was 1,350, of whom 650 were Jews. As four per cent. of the total number is 52, some 600 Jewish doctors will be affected by the decree. According to the Slovak law, Jews baptized before 1918 are not considered as Jews.—Trans-Ocean.

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